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EUROPEAN NEWS.

Advices to Dec. 17 by Ocean Telegraph.

Semi-Official News from Maximilian.

He has Determined to Make a Fight for His Throne.

Rumor that the Pope has been Invited to the United States.

Austria Refuses Compliance with Hungary's Demands.

A United States Steamer Gone to Fetch Surratt.

MAXIMILIAN.

The Object of Gen. Castelnau's Mission.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17.

The Paris correspondence of the *Times* says it is now generally admitted that the object of Gen. CASTELNAU's mission was to get MAXIMILIAN to abdicate.

Maximilian's Intentions—He Determines to Fight for his Crown.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 17.

It is stated semi-officially that Gen. ALMONTE has received assurances by telegraph that MAXIMILIAN has abandoned his intention of leaving Mexico, and of an avowed determination to put himself at the head of the loyal Mexicans and fight for his crown.

ENGLAND.

Rumors About the Pope and Maximilian.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17—Noon.

The *Times* of this morning contains a telegram from Berlin, in which the writer says that the Pope of Rome has been officially invited to visit the United States.

The same dispatch, which is almost exclusively devoted to American affairs, says that MAXIMILIAN is actually a prisoner.

The Explosion at Barnsley—Touching Scenes of Distress.

BARNSLEY, Sunday, Dec. 16.

Several explosions took place at the Oaks Colliery yesterday and to-day, which show that the fire is still raging in the pit. But there has been no further loss of life.

The most touching scenes of wo and despair are hourly witnessed both in the vicinity of the colliery and the town. Over eighty funerals have taken place. One hundred and sixty women have been left widows, and three hundred and thirty children have been made orphans by this terrible calamity; and many of these are mourning in the streets from morning till night.

The Explosion in Stafford.

HANLEY, Staffordshire, Sunday, Dec. 16.

Eighty-five of those who went into the mine at Talk o' the Hill on the morning of the explosion, are known to be dead, and there are more still remaining in the pit, of whose safety all hopes are lost.

All the dead that have been recovered were buried to-day at Talk o' the Hill. The ceremony was deeply impressive.

The Reported Arrest of Stephens.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17.

There is no truth in the reported arrest of Head Centre STEPHENS.

All continues quiet in Ireland.

AUSTRIA.

Non-Compliance with the Demands of Hungary.

PESTH, Monday, Dec. 17.

It is rumored, and apparently on good authority, that the Government of Austria does not propose to yield to the demands made in the address of the Hungarian Diet.

PRUSSIA.

Kingly Courtesies.

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 17.

King JOHN, of Saxony, has arrived in this city, and is the guest of King WILLIAM.

SURRATT.

A United States Steamer Sent to Alexandria to Take Away Surratt.

VALETTA, Malta, Monday, Dec. 17.

A United States sloop of war has arrived here, bound to Alexandria to take SURRATT back to America.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

Liverpool Money Market.

OPENING PRICES.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17—Noon.

Consols have advanced to 89 for money.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17—11 A. M.

United States Five-twenties of 1862 are quoted at this hour at 71 offered. American Railways are offered at Saturday's closing rates.

Erie Railway shares..........47¼
Illinois Central shares..........77¾
United States Five-twenties of 1862..........71¼

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17—1 P. M.

Consols are higher and quoted at 88¾@89; Bonds at the official opening were done at 71⅛@71¼ for the 62's.

The issue of 1865 is nominally, 69¾@70.

CLOSING PRICES.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17—Evening.

Consols closed at 89 for money.

The following are the closing prices for American securities:

United States Five-twenties..........71¼
Illinois Central shares..........77¾
Erie Railway shares..........47¼

American Securities at Frankfort.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17.

The dispatches from Frankfort to-day report American bonds steady and without change in prices.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 17—11 A. M.

The Cotton market opened firm to-day, with sales promising to reach 13,000 bales, at 14½d.@14¾d. for Middling.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 17—Noon.

The Cotton market is active, with a prospective day's sales of 20,000 bales. Middling Uplands have advanced to 14¾d.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 17—1 o'clock P. M.

The cotton market is excited and sales are large. They will probably reach for the day 18,000 to 20,000 bales at quotations given in the first dispatch.

Petroleum Market.

ANTWERP, Monday, Dec. 17.

Petroleum is quoted at 54f. for Pennsylvania refined.

MARINE NEWS.

Arrived Out.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 17—Noon.

The Cunard steamship *Aleppo*, which sailed from New-York on Wednesday, Dec. 5, arrived at this port this morning.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 17.

MILITARY TRIALS OF CIVILIANS IN LOYAL STATES.

It will be recollected that the Supreme Court of the United States, at its former term, announced its decisions in the case *ex parte* of LAMBDIN P. MILLIGAN, declaring the illegality of his trial for alleged conspiracy, before a Military Commission in Indiana, and, in effect, ordering his discharge from prison, he having been convicted and condemned to the punishment of death. To-day Associate Justice DAVIS read an elaborate opinion in this case, in which reference was made to the importance of observing the Constitutional guarantees for the protection of the citizen in his person and property. The experience of our past history showed the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution, in constructing it to be alike efficient in war as in peace, as was shown in the civil contest through which we have just passed. The powers of the Constitution should not be strained to suit emergencies, for on its maintenance in all its integrity depended our liberties and free Government, not only in the present but for all time to come. The case being before the United States Supreme Court, on certificate of division of opinion of the two Judges of the United States Circuit Court for Indiana, the former maintains that the matter was properly before it. The fact that the Bench were divided could not operate to the prejudice of the complainant, nor deprive him of his right of appeal to the civil tribunals under the Act of March, 1863. Although the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* had been suspended, his right under the Constitution and laws still remained. He was a citizen of Indiana, and had never been in the land or naval service, or in the active militia. It was true a conspiracy existed in Indiana, when the defendant was accused of participating in it, but according to the act of March, 1863, provision was clearly made for the trial of such classes of offences before a Civil Court. The Circuit Court of Indiana was open and unobstructed, and business therein continued to be transacted. The Court under the law could have punished such crimes, and there was no fear of an interruption of process. There were troops in Indiana, but the State was not the scene of war. The troops were employed in the event of invasion, or sent to operate where military necessity might require. No matter how guilty MILLIGAN was, there existed no authority to try him before a Military Commission, he not being in the military or naval service; nor did Congress attempt by its legislation to confer such power. Therefore the Court should order his release from military custody, and remand him to the civil tribunal.

To this all the members of the Court gave an affirmative answer, and also to the second question, namely: Ought the Court to issue a writ of *habeas corpus*, and order his release? And they say no to the third question: Had the military commission the legal right to try him? The opinion reviews the subject of martial law, and condemns its exercise in cases where the civil Courts are open, and process is unobstructed.

Chief-Justice CHASE, for himself and Associates WAYNE, SWAYNE and MILLER, read a dissenting opinion relative to the third point, namely, military tribunals, taking the ground that they may be ordered by Congressional authority in cases where the civil Courts are obstructed, and in districts where military operations are in progress. Fortunately, in Indiana the Judges were loyal, together with the great mass of the people; but it might happen that a disloyal Judiciary might impede the course of justice. Hence there should be the means of affording protection by the military power. The guilt of the defendant had nothing to do with the present decision, which has reference to the legality of the military Commission which tried the case of MILLIGAN. The dissenting Judges agreed with the majority of the Court that Congress did not confer in in this case the power to try the accused by such a Commission, but had made provision for the determination of the question before the civil Courts. It will be recollected that the cases of BOWLES and HORSEY were analagous to that of MILLIGAN, and that the parties were released from prison consequent upon the decision of the Supreme Court. The counsel in these cases were Judge McDONALD, Gen. GARFIELD and DUDLEY D. FIELD for the petitioners; and for the other side, Attorney-General SPEED, Mr. STANBERY and Gen. BUTLER. No notes were permitted to be taken by reporters in the Court, but the above, it is believed, give the general points of the decision. The court-room was crowded with members of the Bar, including a number from various States, and members of both Houses of Congress. It is understood that the opinions delivered to-day are to be printed in pamphlet form for public information.

COMPENSATION FOR SLAVES.

A communication was laid before the Senate in reply to a resolution calling for information in regard to the Commissioners appointed to award compensation to the loyal owners of slaves placed in the Union army, from which it appears that the War Department appointed for Missouri, Jas. K. Mills, John L. Billings and Roswell Marsh; for Kentucky, N. C. Moore, Geo. W. Blakely and Archibald McAllister; for Tennessee, O. E. Davis, Henry Thompson and Russell Houston; for Maryland, Wm. Flinn, Wm. K. Stewart and J. M. Miller; for West Virginia, Wilson P. Ames, John Schlez and Robert S. Brown.

A Commission was convened at Baltimore in December, 1863, and continued in session until October, 1865, at which date it was dissolved. One was also convened at Georgetown, Delaware, about August, 1864, and was dissolved in March, 1865. It was composed as follows: Dr. GUNN, ALBERT CURRY and THEODORE AMES. The Commissioners investigated and reported upon nearly four thousand claims. The Commissioners for Missouri, Oct 10, say the negroes enlisted in that State were enlisted as general recruits. When sent by the various Provosts-Marshal, or the authorized recruiting officers, to the general rendezvous at Benton Barracks, they were sentenced to a second medical examination. No notice was given of the assignment. Not only in this, but in some cases at least which had come to their knowledge, the recruits were sent out of the State before assigned to any regiment. Many cases have been brought to their notice in which loyal owners, living on the western borders of Missouri, themselves took their slaves into Kansas, and enlisted them in the United States service. This often occurred before any authority to receive colored recruits in Missouri was given. A large number of slaves were also enrolled under the same circumstances.

REIMBURSEMENT OF WAR EXPENSES TO STATES.

Immediately after the holidays, the bill to reimburse the loyal States for war expenses, will be reported for action by Representative BLAINE, of Maine. The proposition is to give a certain amount of five per cent. United States bonds to each State, equal in amount to $55 for each volunteer furnished by said State.

The proposition of Comptroller HILLHOUSE, of New-York, to give the income tax to each State, does not meet with favor because of the great inequality of the amounts collected under that head in the several States. The same objection applies, though in a less degree, to assigning the bank tax to the several States. Some States would in this way realize a large amount, while others would receive very little.

MR. BOUTWELL'S GOLD BILL.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 17.

The Ways and Means Committee further discussed the Boutwell Gold Bill this morning, but came to no conclusion with regard to any of its provisions. It is understood that there is considerable division of opinion as to the amount of gold that shall be left in the Treasury, and this may even defeat the proposition entirely. The Committee resolved to postpone further consideration of the subject until after the holidays, and to have no sessions during the adjournment. The remaining time before the recess will be occupied in collecting matters bearing upon the Tax Bill.

THE DISTRICT SUFFRAGE BILL.

The District Suffrage Bill was informally considered by the Cabinet on Friday last. The members present unanimously concurred with Mr. JOHNSON in his disapproval of the measure. All the members were present except Mr. STANTON, who is absent from the city, and whose views, consequently, were not made known. The Secretary of War is expected to return to-morrow morning, and it is believed the Suffrage Bill, if received, will be brought up at the Cabinet meeting in the afternoon, when Mr. STANTON will doubtless indicate his approval or disapproval of the President's contemplated veto. Up to this evening the President had not received the bill. It was rumored at the Capitol to-day, that a question had arisen as to whether the bill would not fail if kept by the President the full Constitutional limit of ten days, which would expire during the holiday recess; and that, therefore, to dispense with all doubts on the subject, its presentation to the President would be delayed until the reassembling of Congress.

THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.

The Southern Republican Association, at their meeting to-night, arrived at a final conclusion regarding the object for which they have been laboring. A report was received from the Executive Committee recommending to the Association that it shall memorialize Congress to overthrow the existing State Governments in the South, disfranchise forever all who have fought for the rebellion, enfranchise all who remained loyal, both white and black, and secure to the loyal permanent control of the new organizations. No particular method is recommended to secure this object, but Congress is called upon to decide for itself whether or not the territorial or any other theory is the best. The report was adopted, and Judge PASCHAL, of Texas, was appointed Chairman of a Committee of five to draft the memorial, which will be submitted to the Association to-morrow night.

CORRECTION.

In speaking on Saturday of the joint resolution to pay OBER, NANSON & Co., of New-York, an inadvertent error occurred, which deserves correction. The terms of the resolution require that the notes shall be paid six months after maturity, and not reissued, as the Secretary of the Treasury, as well as the Committee, agree that no more of these notes shall be issued.

THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION.

Gov. WORTH's North Carolina delegation, including himself, Chief-Justice RUFFIN, Ex-Gov. SWAIN and Hon. NAT. BOYDEN, had interviews with the President and the Attorney-General to-day regarding the subject of Gen. SICKLES' recent order in the Carolinas, prohibiting corporal punishment. The laws of North Carolina, as is well known, provide for the punishment of larceny, perjury and bigamy by public whipping; and there being no Penitentiary in the State, and the law being applicable not only to men and women, but to offenders of every race and color, the delegation were instructed to come here for the purpose of influencing the authorities to rescind the order. They express themselves satisfied with the result of their interviews, and hope from the intimations they have received that their object will soon be accomplished. Incidentally the delegation will undoubtedly do something toward counteracting the efforts of Ex-Gov. HOLDEN and his friends, who were here a few days since with the original draft of the North Carolina Enabling Act, presented to the House by Mr. STEVENS, and urging its passage. Gov. WORTH has been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of men for his delegation, who are entitled, from their war records, to a hearing before Congress, they one and all having been conservative men, particularly Mr. BOYDEN, than whom no man in the State is more thoroughly hated by the fire-eating rebels. Judge RUFFIN, formerly a law partner of Lieut.-Gen. SCOTT, and a member of the Peace Congress of 1861, is a venerable gentleman over 80 years of age, and with Ex-Gov. SWAIN, enjoys the reputation of being a moderate and conservative politician, although they are both opposed to the Constitutional Amendment. It is questionable whether Mr. BOYDEN will join the delegation in its efforts to oppose the Holden bill.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

The bids for contracts to supply the Indian Department with goods for the Indians were opened on Saturday last, but Commissioner BOGY decided not to complete contracts without previously examining the samples very closely. Consequently his Bureau has been thronged to-day with bidders from New-York and other Eastern States, who are intently watching the proceedings of Western bidders. Commissioner BOGY comes from St. Louis, and his unusual determination to award contracts to the parties who have furnished the best samples, without regard to price, is looked upon with considerable suspicion by many Eastern men interested in the matter. The result of this *espionage* will be that neither East nor West will be able to swindle the Government.

REPLY OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA TO THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS.

The President sent to the two Houses to-day a message containing the translation of a letter dated Aug. 17 last, addressed to him by His Majesty ALEXANDER, Emperor of Russia, in reply to a joint resolution of Congress, approved on the 16th March, 1866, relative to the attempted assassination of the Emperor, a certified copy of which was, in compliance with the request of Congress, forwarded to His Majesty by the hands of GUSTAVUS V. FOX, late Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The following is the letter:

[Translation.]

His Majesty the Emperor of Russia to the President of the United States of America:

PETERHOF, 17th August, 1866.

I have received from the hands of Mr. FOX the resolution of the Congress of the United States of America on the occasion of the Providential grace of which I have been the object. That mark of sympathy has moved me sensibly. It is not alone personal. It attests once more the sentiments that bind the American nation to that of Russia. The two peoples have no injuries to remember, but only good relations under all circumstances. Proofs of mutual benevolence are added. These cordial relations are as conducive to their interests as to the good of civilization and humanity, and answer the designs of Divine Providence, whose will is peace and concord among all nations. It gives me a lively pleasure to see these ties constantly strengthened more and more. I have imparted my sentiments to Mr. FOX. I pray you to be my interpreter to Congress and the American people whom it represents. Tell them how much I appreciate, and with me the whole of Russia, the testimonies of friendship they have given me, and how happy I will be to see the American nation grow in strength and prosperity by the Union and constant practice of the civil virtues that distinguish it. Accept at the same time the assurance of the high consideration with which I am your good friend,

ALEXANDER.

RESERVE FUNDS OF NATIONAL BANKS.

The following communication from the Secretary of the Treasury was laid before the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following Senate resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to report to the Senate the names of the several banking associations which have failed to comply with the provisions of the law, requiring a reserve of money on hand, and that they report what legislation is necessary, if any, to enforce against such associations the provisions of the law.

To the inquiry contained in this resolution, I reply that by the provisions of section 34 of the Currency Act, all national banking associations are required to make a report, exhibiting in detail, under appropriate heads, the resources and liabilities of the association, on the first Monday of January, April, July and October of each year. In addition to such quarterly reports, each association is required to make a monthly statement exhibiting the following items, to wit: Average amount of loans and discounts, specie and other lawful money, deposits and circulation. And associations in other places than those cities mentioned in the 31st section of the act, shall also return the amount due them, available for the redemption of their circulation. The monthly statements thus required are of no practical value in determining whether the banks have complied with the law relative to maintaining the reserve of lawful money, because they exhibit averages, and do not show the actual state of things at any given date. The quarterly statements alone set forth the facts fully upon this point, so as to enable the Comptroller to decide whether the banks have complied with the requirements in question. You will observe, therefore, that the necessary details are furnished but four times during the year. The latest fiscal information now at hand is gathered from the quarterly reports received Oct. 1. At that time some fifty-five banks were more or less deficient in their reserve of lawful money. They were immediately notified in accordance with the second clause of section thirty-one, not to increase their liabilities by making any new loans and discounts otherwise than by discounting or purchasing bills of exchange payable at sight; nor to make any dividend of their profits until the required proportion between their circulation and deposits, and their reserve of lawful money should be restored. Special statements were called for, to be made under oath, once each week, for five consecutive weeks, for the purpose of demonstrating their compliance with the law. The returns in every case were prompt and satisfactory. I am of opinion, however, that the detailed statements now made quarterly ought to be made more frequently, and I have recommended in my report that the law should be so amended as to require monthly returns, exhibiting the condition of the Banks in detail. By this plan the condition of each Bank would be brought to the knowledge of the Comptroller once every month, and he would be enabled to exercise a much more thorough and vigilant supervision than it is possible for him to do under the law as it now stands.

The recent reported deficiencies in the lawful money reserve of the New-York City Banks has come to my knowledge only through the Press.

Several of the banks so reported have voluntarily made statements showing that their failure to comply with the law was temporary, and has since been remedied.

It is possible, as clearing-houses are recognized in Sec. 31, that the managers of those institutions in Boston, New-York and Philadelphia might be required to report weekly to the Comptroller of the Currency all banks that exhibited a deficiency in their reserve of lawful money, and that the effect of such requirement would be salutary. I have only to say in conclusion that the date of my information relative to the subject matter of the resolution is so long past that a list of the banks then deficient in their reserve would be of little present importance, particularly as the deficiencies were of short duration and were promptly rectified. If it shall be desired, however, the list of banks will be furnished.

Very respectfully yours,

H. R. HURLBURD,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

To Hon. HUGH MCCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.....MONDAY, Dec. 17.

PETITIONS.

Mr. SUMNER presented the proceedings of a public meeting of loyal citizens without respect to color, recently held in the City of New-York, asking that Congress reorganize the State Government of Virginia on a basis of equal rights, &c., and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. SAULSBURY objected, that it was not in order to receive the proceedings of a public meeting unless they came in the form of a petition or memorial.

Mr. SUMNER said the proceedings were in that form. By a vote of the Senate the document was received and referred.

Mr. WADE presented a petition for the repeal of the act retroceding the City and County of Alexandria to the State of Virginia, that they might become a part of the District of Columbia. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. WADE presented a petition for certain amendments to the Constitution, including equality of civil and political rights, etc. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COWAN presented a petition for an increased tariff for the protection of manufacturers of silk fabrics. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. POMEROY presented a petition for encouragement to foreign emigration. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

DISCHARGED.

Mr. WILSON asked that the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from further consideration of a bill to increase the military peace establishment of the United States, the subject having been disposed of at last session. It was so ordered.

EXCUSED.

Mr. SHERMAN asked to be excused from further service on the Committee on Claims. It was so ordered.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. MORRILL introduced a bill providing that the second section of the Act to Continue, Alter and Amend the Charter of the City of Washington, shall be so amended as to read:

To license, tax and regulate agencies of all land insurance companies;

Provided, That the tax shall not exceed three-fourths of one per cent. on the cash premiums received.

Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

JUDICIAL.

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced "A bill to authorize and require amendments and to cure defects in the proceedings in the Courts of the United States," which provides that whenever any party shall have filed his petition and bond for a writ of error or appeal, and the same shall have been allowed, the party so entitled to such writ of error and appeal shall not be prejudiced or be liable to have his case dismissed for or in consequence of any error, neglect or omission on the part of any Clerk of said Court, but that it shall be the duty of all Courts of the United States to take jurisdiction of such cases, and to cause such clerical defects to be amended or supplied, and when the same are apparent from the record, they shall be supplied instanter, on motion, without sending back the case to the Court from whose decision the appeal or writ of error was taken; and the provisions of this section shall apply to all cases now pending, as well as in cases to arise hereafter. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GEN. SCOTT.

Mr. WILSON, from the Military Committee, reported a House bill authorizing the Secretary of War "to contract with HENRY R. BROWN, at a price not exceeding $20,000, for an equestrian statue of Lieut.-Gen. SCOTT, from guns captured in Mexico, and to be placed upon his (the General's) grave at West Point," with an amendment striking out the name of Mr. Brown.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU REPORT.

Mr. WILSON offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish, for the information of the Senate, copies of the report of the Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, together with a synopsis of the local laws respecting persons of color, as they now exist in the late Slave States.

EMIGRATION OF COLORED PERSONS.

Mr. SUMNER introduced "a bill to prevent and punish false and fraudulent representations to induce emigration to a foreign country," which provides that if any persons shall make false representations to any negro, mulatto or other person for the purpose of inducing such negro or other person to emigrate to a foreign country where such person would be liable to be sold as a peon, so called, or otherwise reduced to virtual servitude, the person so offending shall be punished, on conviction thereof, by a fine not less than $500, nor more than $5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by both. And that if the master or owner, or person having charge of any vessel, shall, within the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, receive or allow to be received on board any negro or other person with a knowledge that such a person has been induced by fraudulent representations to embark as stated, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $5,000, nor less than $500, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both, and the vessel be forfeited to the United States.

Mr. SUMNER said that he had papers in his possession going to show that persons came to this country to hold out inducements to free colored persons to induce them to emigrate, very much as coolies, taking a cargo of them at a time, and entering into some contract with them, but in reality reducing them to a new form of bondage. Mr. SUMNER would warn colored people to be on their guard against such promises. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THE AMNESTY BILL.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved that the Senate take up the bill to open the amnesty section of the Confiscation Bill.

Mr. HENDRICKS hoped that the bill would not be taken up. The bill to admit Nebraska was properly before the Senate, and he (Mr. HENDRICKS) was entitled to the floor upon it, and wished to make some remarks upon it.

A vote was taken, and the Senate took up the bill indicated by Mr. TRUMBULL.

Mr. COWAN called for the reading of the section proposed to be repealed, and it was read.

Mr. TRUMBULL said that the only effect of the passage of this bill will be to repeal the 13th Section of the Confiscation Act, which is as follows:

"That the President is hereby authorized at any time hereafter, by proclamation, to extend to persons who may have participated in the existing rebellion in any State or part thereof, pardon and amnesty, with such exceptions and at such time, and on such conditions as he may deem expedient for the public welfare."

From the haste with which this bill was hurried through the House, and the anxiety manifested by some in this body to pass it at once, without the usual reference to a committee, an impression has gone out to the country that by the repeal of the thirteenth section of the Confiscation Act the power of the President to grant pardons and restore to rebels their property could be taken away. Such, however, will not be its effect. The President's power to grant pardons and restore property will be just as complete after the passage of this bill repealing the thirteenth section as before. The Constitution confers upon the President the "power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment," and it is not in the power of Congress to deprive him of this prerogative. A pardon is the remission of the crime or offence, and not of the conviction, and may be granted either before or after conviction, and may be absolute or conditional. All these questions were settled by the opinion of the Attorney-General and the decisions of the Supreme Court years ago. Mr. WIRT, Attorney-General under President MONROE, gave an opinion in 1820 that the President, under the Constitution, had authority to pardon as well before as after conviction, and the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *exparte* William Wills, 18 Howard 310, cite with approbation the following: "A pardon is said by Lord COKE to be a word of mercy whereby the King, either before attainder, sentence or conviction and after, forgiveth any crime, offence," &c. (3 Inst. 233.) The same Court, in the case of the United States *vs.* Wilson, 7 Peters 162, decide that a pardon is a deed to the capacity of which delivering and acceptance by the individual for whom it is intended are necessary, and that the President may grant a pardon on conditions. The President's power to restore property seized under the Confiscation Act to its former rebel owners will not be effected by the repeal of this thirteenth section. The section is silent on that subject, and his power in that respect is just what the Constitution gives him, and no more. It is certainly within his power to retain the property seized, by imposing as a condition to the pardon that no property shall be returned under it, and where he has not done so it is manifest that he did not intend to retain the property. This is moreover apparent from the affirmative action of the President in commanding Gen. HOWARD, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, to restore to pardoned rebels their former property. If the President has these powers, under the Constitution, it may be asked why repeal this 13th section? What possible harm can it do to let it stand? I answer, it contains a power to grant a general amnesty by proclamation which the Constitution does not give. There can now be no occasion to issue a general proclamation of amnesty. That has already been done except as to certain specified classes, and by repealing this 13th section Congress takes from the President the power to issue any more general proclamations of amnesty, and declares that the granting of special pardons and the restoration of rebel property shall no longer be done under its sanction.

Mr. JOHNSON took the floor to show that the President has full power to pardon under the Constitution. He cited the authority of the *Federalist* and the proclamation of Gen. WASHINGTON during the whisky insurrection to show that the President has by the Constitution the power to issue the proclamation of general amnesty.

Pending the remarks of Mr. JOHNSON, the morning hour expired, and the Chair decided the bill to admit Nebraska to be in order.

THE NEBRASKA BILL.

Mr. FARNSWORTH hoped that the Nebraska Bill would be informally laid aside for the present, until the bill called up by him was disposed of.

The Chair decided that Mr. HENDRICKS was entitled to the floor on the bill to admit Nebraska, and it could only be laid aside with his consent.

Mr. HENDRICKS declined to yield the floor, and the bill to admit Nebraska was taken up. Mr. HENDRICKS addressed the Senate against the bill, taking the ground that the population of Nebraska was too small for a State Government, that the majority in favor of a State Government was very small, &c. In conclusion, he referred to a speech of Mr. SHERMAN's of Friday last, and said that he (Mr. SHERMAN) expressed the opinion that the Constitutional Amendment which passed this body at the last session was a mild proposition, and was just and fair toward the Southern States. I think that I recollect to have asked the Senator at the last session a question which he did not then answer. I will repeat the question to him now, and let him then, as a representative of one of the States of this Union, say whether one of the Constitutional Amendments was fair. That Amendment was so carefully and willfully framed as to leave the Northern States a representation of from fifteen to twenty Representatives in the House, based upon a non-voting population, leaving Missouri, West Virginia, Tennessee and Maryland their full representation when one-half of their people, by State policy and legislation, are denied the right of voting. Full representation is allowed to four States, notwithstanding one-half of their population is disfranchised, and full representation, including a large non-voting population, securing twenty Representatives of the House, is left to the Northern States. Now, is it right, in a constitutional amendment, to give to one State a representation based upon a non-voting population and deny it to another State because a particular population is not allowed to vote? Is it right to give it to New-York? Is it just as mild and fair to propose that New-York may have four or five Representatives based upon a non-voting population and deny to Georgia a representation upon her non-voting population? Is it equal and just that one State should be represented for her non-voting population, and another State shall not be represented for her non-voting population? That is the question. The Senator, (Mr. SHERMAN,) at the last session, did not answer it, and I think it cannot be answered. I know it can be said these people of the South have been in a state of rebellion, and the wickedness and folly of the Southern States in going into that rebellion cannot be too strongly expressed by the Senator from Ohio. But, Sir, when they come back by their representatives in this body and into this house, do they come as States?

Mr. WADE—Does the Senator contend that the Constitutional Amendment provided that they might exclude part of the population of Ohio from voting and have representatives for them?

Mr. HENDRICKS—Certainly.

Mr. WADE—I do not so understand it; but I make a distinction between the power of this Government over the States that have thus forfeited their rights by rebellion and its power over those that have not thus forfeited their rights.

Mr. HENDRICKS—I am not discussing the views of the Senator, but of his colleague, Mr. SHERMAN. His colleague has stated that the Amendment was fair, mild and just, and that because of its character in this respect a great advantage was secured to the party with which he acted.

Mr. SHERMAN asked Mr. HENDRICKS if he desired him to answer the question now?

Mr. HENDRICKS said he did not want an immediate answer; another time would do.

Mr. CRAGIN asked Mr. HENDRICKS if the Constitutional Amendment did not include the non-voting foreigners of the South as well as of the North?

Mr. HENDRICKS said the cases were not analogous. No Southern State would, according to the last census, belong to a representative on the foreign population.

When Mr. HENDRICKS concluded his remarks Mr. TRUMBULL moved that the Senate postpone the further consideration of the Nebraska Bill, and take up the bill to repeal the third section of the Confiscation Act.

Mr. BROWN gave notice of a proposed amendment to the bill for the admission of Nebraska into the Union, as follows: Provided, that this act shall not take effect except upon the fundamental condition that within the State of Nebraska there shall be no denial of the elective franchise, or of any other rights to any person by reason of race or color, and upon the further condition that this fundamental condition shall be submitted to the voters of the Territory of Nebraska at an election to be held on the first Tuesday of —— next; and at such election, such voters shall declare their assent to or dissent from the condition aforesaid in such form as shall be prescribed by the Governor of such Territory; and all votes given at said election shall be returned to such Governor within —— days from the day of election, who shall forthwith canvass the same, and if a majority of such votes shall be for this condition, the Governor shall certify the fact to the President of the United States, who shall by proclamation announce the fact; whereupon, without further proceeding on the part of Congress, this act shall take effect.

THE SUFFRAGE BILL.

Mr. WADE gave notice that to-morrow he would move to rescind the resolution providing for the holiday recess. It was found that unless that was done the Suffrage Bill would be lost, as the ten days given to the President would expire during the recess and the bill would fall.

Mr. SUMNER said that the case referred to by Mr. WADE could be provided against by the Secretary withholding the bill until after the holidays, or until such time as would secure the expiration of the ten days after the reassembling of Congress.

THE AMNESTY BILL.

Some discussion took place on the motion to take up the bill to repeal the amnesty power of the President. The Senate voted to take it up.

Mr. SAULSBURY offered an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof a provision that the act entitled an act to suppress insurrection and confiscate the property of rebels is hereby repealed.

THE LATE SENATOR WRIGHT.

Mr. JOHNSON took the floor on this bill, but yielded it to Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, of New-Jersey, who rose to announce the death of the late Senator WRIGHT, and paid a tribute to his memory as a man of industry in business, of honesty in public, and of Christian virtues in private life. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN offered the usual resolutions of condolence and regret. Mr. CATTELL delivered an eulogy on the life and character of the deceased, and was followed by Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. DAVIS in similar remarks.

At the conclusion of the eulogies the Senate at 3 o'clock P. M. adjourned, as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE NEW-ORLEANS CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Under the call of States for resolutions,

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, offered a resolution, directing the Select Committee on the New-Orleans Riot to investigate the alleged frauds in the New-Orleans Custom-house, and the appointment of rebels therein to the exclusion of Union men, and into all matters connected with the administration of affairs in that Custom-house; which was adopted.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Mr. HARDING, of Illinois, offered the following:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States will give unfaltering support to the Executive Department of the Government to vindicate the time-honored policy of this republic against foreign armed intervention, which tends to the destruction of constitutional liberty on this continent, and especially commend the tone of the national voice in reference to the Republic of Mexico.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

Mr. COOK offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the withdrawal of the currency issued by the National Banks as fast as the same may be done without injustice to the banks, and of supplying the place with legal-tender notes issued by the Government of the United States.

Mr. COOK moved the previous question upon this resolution.

Mr. BRANDEGEE demanded tellers.

The motion for the previous question was seconded by a vote of 58 to 38.

Mr. BRANDEGEE called for the yeas and nays, saying he wanted to see who was in favor of destroying the National Banks.

The yeas and nays were taken, and resulted in yeas 65, nays 68; so the resolution was rejected.

TAXATION OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Mr. ROSS offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of Congress that no more Government bonds shall be issued that are not subject to the same rates of taxation as other bonds.

Mr. THAYER moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. ROSS called for the yeas and nays on that motion, but the House refused to order the yeas and nays and the resolution was laid on the table.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF LEGAL-TENDER CURRENCY.

Mr. BAKER offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be instructed to report a bill preventing, for some temporary period, the further withdrawal of Legal-tender Currency.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, suggested that the resolution should be modified so as to direct the Committee simply to inquire into the expediency of reporting such a bill.

Mr. MORRILL moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted in yeas 88, nays 58; so the resolution was laid on the table.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. MOULTON offered a resolution directing the Committee on Territories to inquire into the expediency of inviting and authorizing loyal citizens of the United States residing in the districts of country recently in rebellion, excepting Tennessee, to form constitutional State Governments, and to provide for the restoration of such States to all the rights of States in the American Union.

Mr. BINGHAM made the point of order that the resolution must go to the Committee on Reconstruction. He wanted to know how many instructors were to be appointed.

The Speaker sustained the point of order, and the resolution was accordingly referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

THE MARINE HOSPITAL AT CHICAGO.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH the Secretary of the Treasury was directed to communicate the progress made in the erection of the new Marine Hospital at Chicago, and the Secretary of War was also directed to report what disposition had been made of the money appropriated for the improvement of Chicago harbor at the last session.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution authorizing the President to nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Lieut. Commander S. L. BREESE to the active list of the navy, with the rank to which he may be entitled. Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also a bill to fix the compensation of the officers of the revenue and cutter service. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL the District of Columbia Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a special election to be held in Washington for the election of City Treasurer and Auditor.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. BROMWELL offered a resolution looking to the better ventilation of the House of Representatives, which, at the suggestion of Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, he amended so as to direct the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to inquire into the expediency of removing the restaurant from the basement of the Capitol. Adopted.

ACCESS TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S PAPERS.

Mr. FARNSWORTH introduced a joint resolution making it the duty of the Postmaster-General to allow Senators and Representatives to examine all papers and recommendations for office appertaining to Postmasters, Post-offices, and other postal matters in the several States and Congressional Districts. He moved the previous question.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio suggested an amendment to make it apply also to the Treasury Department.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, suggested that it should be made to apply to all Departments.

Mr. FARNSWORTH declined to withdraw the previous question for such a purpose.

Mr. LE BLOND moved to lay the joint resolution on the table. Negatived—21 yeas to 116 nays.

The morning hour expired and the joint resolution went over.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

A message from the Senate was read requesting the return to that body of the Deficiency Bill for the correction of an error in engrossing.

Request complied with.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

The Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution for an adjournment over the holidays, so as to make it apply to the Senate's was taken up.

Mr. STEVENS moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The Speaker stated that the effect of that would be to carry the original resolution with it.

Mr. STEVENS said he was aware of that, and that was what he wanted.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, called for the yeas and nays on the motion.

The yeas and nays were not ordered.

The motion was lost and the amendment concurred in.

LETTER FROM THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

The Speaker presented a message from the President transmitting a translation of the letter from the Emperor of Russia, in reply to the joint resolution of Congress, of the 16th of May, 1866, congratulating the Emperor on his escape from assassination. The message and the accompanying letter were read. The Emperor's letter was applauded, members all over the House clapping their hands approvingly.

THE ATCHISON AND PIKE'S PEAK RAILROAD.

The Speaker also presented the report of the Secretary of the Interior in answer to a House resolution of the 10th inst., in relation to the Atchison and Pike's Peak Railroad Company. Referred to the Pacific Railroad Committee. Also, the journal of the New-Mexican Legislature for the session of 1865. Referred to the Committee on Territories.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN STATES.

Mr. BINGHAM offered a resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to inquire and report whether the good offices of the United States should not be employed, if practicable, in restoring peace to the States of South America. Adopted.

PERSONAL.

Mr. WARD, of New-York, called attention to the fact that his name did not appear in the New-York papers as voting for the passage of the District Suffrage Bill on Friday, and also that in the index to the *Congressional Globe* for last session, all his sayings and doings were credited to ELIJAH WARD, a distinguished member of last Congress from New-York, but not a member of the present Congress. He did not know that that gentleman would like to be charged with all his (Mr. WARD's) public acts and votes. [Laughter.]

On motion of Mr. LATHAM, the Committee on Rules was directed to inquire into the propriety of consolidating the two Committees on Public Buildings and Grounds into a joint Committee.

UNION SOLDIERS UNDER INDICTMENT IN THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Mr. DAWES offered a resolution directing the Select Committee on the murder of United States soldiers in South Carolina, to investigate also the facts connected with the confinement in jail in the same State of HENRY MILLER, under the sentence of death for the alleged crime of desertion from the rebel army and acting as a spy for Gen. SHERMAN during the late war. He said he had called upon the President in reference to the matter, and he said he would telegraph to Gen. SICKLES. He had that moment received a telegram from Gen. SICKLES stating that MILLER was indicted under a charge of highway robbery.

Mr. MAYNARD desired that the Committee should also be instructed to inquire into similar transactions elsewhere. A son of a colleague of his (NELSON) had gone into South Carolina with Gen. STONEMAN near the close of hostilities, and had since been indicted for murder there, for killing a man in the performance of his military duties, and his person had been demanded of the Governor of Tennessee. He suggested that the Committee should be authorized to report appropriate legislation. Mr. DAVIS said that that was covered by its original authority. The resolution was adopted.

CLAIMS FOR QUARTERMASTERS' STORES.

Mr. DELANO introduced a bill to declare the sense of the act of July 4, 1864, restricting the jurisdiction of Court of Claims, and providing for the payment of certain demands for Quartermasters' stores, &c.

The bill provides that such act shall not be construed to authorize the settlement of any claims for supplies or stores taken or furnished for the use of the army, or for the occupation of or injury to real estate, or for damage to personal property by the military authorities or troops of the United States, where such claim originated during the war in an insurrectionary State: Provided, That this shall not repeal or modify the joint resolution of July 28, 1866, extending the provisions of such act to the loyal citizens of Tennessee.

The bill was read three times and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported bills making appropriations for invalid and other pensions, and for the consular and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1868.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and made the special order for the 4th of January.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS, the petition of the clerks and civil employes of the Government, for increase of compensation, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

AGRICULTURAL SCRIP.

Mr. JULIAN introduced a joint resolution prohibiting the further issue of agricultural college scrip to States lately in rebellion.

Read three times and passed.

ALLEGED SALE OF A COLORED MAN.

Mr. SCHENCK offered a resolution reciting the published advertisement for the sale of a colored man at Annapolis, Md., on the 8th of December, convicted by the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, and sentenced to be sold as a slave, and directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the same and report whether such proceeding was not in direct conflict with the Constitution of the United States, and with the act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and furnish the means of their vindication. Also to inquire whether any steps have been taken by the President to enforce that law and prevent such outrages; the Committee to have power to send for persons and papers, and to report what action is necessary and proper for Congress to take on the subject.

Mr. STEVENS said he wished to make a suggestion, and to see whether the inquiry should not be enlarged. It would be recollected that in the Constitutional Amendment abolishing Slavery, it was declared that Slavery should not exist except for crime, of which the party should be convicted, Maryland was not the only State in the South where occasion of that unfortunate exception was taken to sell colored people into Slavery. Not many weeks ago two very respectable persons, a gentleman and his wife, had called upon him and told him that they had just come from Florida where it become too warm for them that the day before they left they saw seven negroes sold into slavery at public auction, some of them for seven years, and that they saw several others whipped with stripes on the naked back at the whipping-post, under the discriminating laws of Florida. He thought the inquiry should be enlarged and extended to all the Slave States. Maryland, said he, although close to the Free States, is more imbued with the old virus of Slavery than any of the Southern States that have been conquered, except, perhaps, Kentucky. I think it can even beat Kentucky. The slave portions of Maryland, with one-sixth of her white population, viz.: one hundred thousand white people, have an equal power with the free portions that have a white population of 660,000; and she is carrying on her Government in that way. My judgment is that there is no such thing as a republican form of government there, and I hope that the distinguished and able gentleman from Maryland (FRANCIS THOMAS) will, before this Congress adjourns, move that Congress shall give Maryland a republican form of government, which shall apportion her representation according to, and on the basis of population, and shall modify her laws so that men shall not be sold into Slavery right under the eye of the Capitol.

Mr. SCHENCK said he had in the first place drawn the resolution giving it more scope, and directing an inquiry into all kindred cases and subjects, but it had occurred to him that the Judiciary Committee might very conveniently make an investigation of this particular instance, which seemed to present itself as a sort of specimen case, without interfering with the performance of its other duties. If any attempt was made to send the Judiciary Committee, or a select committee, with power to examine witnesses in all parts of the country, it might result in their not having a report for a long time to come. He was, however, by no means unfriendly to such a general investigation. Every one must have concluded that in the present temper of the Chief Executive of the United States, they had no right to expect that he would lend any aid of the power vested in him to carry out the laws of the United States to prevent inequality and oppression. He proceeded to narrate an instance of oppression in Georgia, where the colored agent of a Philadelphia benevolent society was arrested on the charge of vagrancy, and condemned to the chain-gang for the term of twelve months.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution so as to direct the Judiciary Committee to report what legislation is necessary to protect loyal citizens in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property in the lately rebellious States excepting Tennessee.

He sent up and had read by the clerk an extract from a loyal Georgian newspaper of the 8th December, showing that at the late Equal Rights Convention, held in Macon, the delegates representing fifty counties reported 150 murders within the last two months, and in no instance did the civil authority attempt to bring the murderers to justice.

The amendment was agreed to and the resolution as amended was adopted.

IMPEACHMENT.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, moved to suspend the rules to enable him to offer a resolution for the appointment of a select committee of seven to inquire whether any acts had been done by any officers of the Government of the United States which, in the contemplation of the Constitution, are high crimes and misdemeanors, and whether such acts were designed or calculated to overthrow, subvert or corrupt the Government of the United States, or any department thereof.

Mr. FINCK called for the yeas and nays on suspending the rules.

Mr. BINGHAM suggested the modification of the resolution so as to specify the particular officers referred to by it. As the resolution stood it would be notifying the world that there was a grand inquest being held on all officers of the United States who were liable to impeachment.

The resolution was not modified, and the House refused to suspend the rules—yeas 88, nays 49,—not two-thirds so the resolution was not received.

The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Alley, Allison, Anderson, Arnell, Ashley of Nevada, Ashley of Ohio, John Baker, Baldwin, Banks, Abram A. Baker, Baxter, Benjamin, Bidwell, Bingham, Blow, Boutwell, Brandegee, Bromwell, Buckland, Bundy, Clarke of Ohio, Clark of Kansas, Cobb, Conklin, Cullom, Dixon, Driggs, Eckley, Farnsworth, Farquhar, Ferry, Garfield, Grinnell, Harding, Hart, Hawkins, Hayes, Henderson, Harkness, Hotchkiss, Hubbard, Jr., of New-York, Hubbard of Connecticut, Ingersoll, Julian, Kelly, Kelso, Koontz, Kuykendall, Laflin, Lawrence, Longyear, Lynch, Marston, Marvin, Mc Clurg, McIndoe, McKee, McRuer, Mercur, Morrill, Moulton, Myers, O'Neil, Orth, Paine, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Pomeroy, Price, Randall, Schenck, Scofield, Sloan, Stevens, Thayer, Thomas, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn of New-York, Van Horn of Missouri, Washburne of Illinois, Welker, Wentworth, Williams, Wilson, Windom—88.

NAYS—Messrs. Ames, Ancona, Bergen, Boyer, Campbell, Chanler, Cooper, Dawes, Defrees, Deming, Denison, Dodge, Eldridge, Finck, Glossbrenner, Hale, Harding of Kentucky, Hise, Hogan, Hubbard of West Virginia, Hubbell of New-York, Hunter, Jenckes, Kerr, Latham, Leblond, Leftwich, Marshall, Maynard, Niblack, Nicholson, Noell, Randall of Pennsylvania, Raymond, Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Shanklin, Sitgreaves, Spalding, Stokes, Strouse, Taber, Taylor of Tennessee, Taylor of New-York, Thornton, Ward of Kentucky, Warner, Whaley—49.

ABANDONED LANDS AT THE SOUTH.

Mr. PAINE moved to suspend the rules to enable him to offer a resolution for appointing a select committee of five, to inquire whether the laws of Congress, providing for the assessment and collection of direct taxes in the lately rebellious States, and for the seizure and sale of forfeited and abandoned lands and other property therein, have been faithfully executed, and to report the results of its investigation, with the evidence taken, with power to send for persons and papers, and to hold their sessions wherever it may be most convenient for the c.

The rules were suspended by a vote of 104 to 28, and the resolution was adopted.

SOUTH AMERICAN MEDIATION.

Mr. BANKS from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported the following in reply to Mr. BINGHAM's resolution referred to that Committee to-day:

Whereas, Wars destructive of commerce and injurious and prejudicial to republican institutions have for some time been carried on between Spain and several American States on the Pacific coast, and also between Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay and the Argentine Republic on the Atlantic coast;

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Executive Department of the Government that the friendly offices of the Government, if practicable, be offered for the promotion of peace and harmony in South America.

The resolution was agreed to.

THE REVOLUTION IN CANDIA.

On the motion of Mr. BANKS, the President was requested to communicate any official correspondence that may have taken place relative to the revolution now in progress in the Island of Candia.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. ROGERS presented the credentials of Mr. E. G. CABINESS as representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia. They were referred to the Joint Committee on Reconstruction.

PROTECTION OF LOYAL CITIZENS.

Mr. MCKEE introduced a bill to protect loyal persons in the States lately in rebellion. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

CLAIMS ON THE QUARTERMASTER.

On motion of Mr. HILL, the Secretary of War was requested to inform the House whether any claims had been presented to the Quartermaster-General of the United States by citizens of Indiana for horses or other property seized or received by the Government of the United States during the raid of JOHN MORGAN through said State in July, 1863.

COMMITTEE ON THE NEW-ORLEANS RIOT.

Mr. MCCULLOUGH declined serving on the Select Committee on the New-Orleans riots, and Mr. DENNISON was appointed in his stead.

PENSIONS.

Mr. HART presented the petition of D. R. BARTON and 121 other citizens of Rochester, New-York, praying that pensions be paid to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812.

PETITION.

Mr. CONKLING presented a petition of the Troy and Boston Railroad Company, asking a reduction of duty on imported railroad iron.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, Mr. WELKER in the chair, and was addressed by Mr. HILL, in a constitutional argument against the power of Congress to territorialize the Southern States.

After speaking an hour his time was extended; but as he preferred to use that time when the House would not be in Committee of the Whole, the Committee rose and the House at 4 P. M. adjourned.

HOLIDAY PUBLICATIONS.

A Run Through the Book-Stores—Elegant Illustrated Volumes—American and Foreign Books for Young and Old.

A glance at the advertisements of the enterprising publishers whose enticing announcements have occupied so large a space in the columns of the Times during the last few weeks, must have satisfied every lover of literature of a fact which it only needs a casual glance at the the shelves and tables of our booksellers to prove,—that the trade were never before so thoroughly prepared to respond to any demand that the exigencies of the Holiday season now so close at hand, may make upon them. Books of all kinds and prices, adapted to suit all tastes, are everywhere to be found in almost unlimited quantities. There are toy books with illustrations so brilliantly illuminated that it dazzles one to look at them, and others so fastidiously printed as to suggest the idea that they were prepared for children of older growth; there are, as there have always been heretofore, standard editions of standard authors, both American and English; there are gift books, (few in number, it must be acknowledged,) written by American authors, illustrated by American artists, and printed upon American presses, which do not acknowledge inferiority to similar foreign productions; and there are everywhere, in quantities never before equaled, superb volumes of English manufacture which are a feast to the eye, and fit to be made a present to a prince. Thus far this season purchasers have not shown that quick appreciation which they have heretofore manifested of the efforts of their friends, the publishers, to anticipate their wants. Apparently, they have been fearing that crisis which the croakers have so persistently predicted, but which seems to be as far off now as it was four or five years ago, when these same gloomy prophecies were so often repeated. Whenever the crash may come, however, it is certain that it cannot catch us before the Holidays, and in the interest of those who have always looked forward to Christmas as sure to restock their centre tables with elegant books, or their libraries with standard volumes which it seems almost an extravagance to buy at any other season of the year, we urge purchasers to bestir themselves and take advantage of the present opportunity to procure the coveted works. The tide of foreign publications has been flowing in steadily upon us during the last year or two until it bids fair to become a deluge, and it is impossible to predict what measures Congress may be persuaded to adopt before another Holiday season comes around to prevent English book-makers from taking the bread out of the mouths of our own printers, binders, artists and authors. Whatever action may be taken, it is certain that it will not make the sumptuously elegant editions of foreign works any cheaper than they are at present, and it is but prudent, therefore, to take advantage of this emergency. A hasty run through the book-stores and a casual glance at some of the works to be found there, will perhaps suggest to those who do not care to make the round themselves, where they will be most likely to have their tastes suited, unless, indeed, this hasty rehearsal should so perplex them that they conclude to stay at home out of regard to the purchasing power of their pockets.

Every book fancier knows so well where to find the Appletons, that it seems useless to give their place of business, which is at Nos. 443 and 445 Broadway. A multiplicity of superb gift-books which they offer it is really difficult to individualize. Of their foreign importations the most prominent is that sumptuous volume, *The Life of Man Symbolized by the Months of the Year*, which is, perhaps, more elaborately and carefully finished in all its details than any work produced the present season. Then, too, there are to be found at this same establishment four elegant quarto volumes containing numerous fine, full-page steel engravings after paintings selected respectively from the galleries of Vienna, Munich, Dresden and Berlin; also, *Half Hours with the Best French Authors*—a royal octavo volume, which presents translations from some of the most celebrated writers of that nationality, and is illustrated with thirty large, full-page engravings from designs by Emile Bayard. The public have been indebted to the Messrs. Appleton during the past year for the reissue here of the handsome English editions of several important works upon natural history, including, for instance, Bertram's *Harvest of the Sea*, Hartwig's *Harmonies of Nature*, &c., &c. Geology and botany are represented respectively by Figuier's *World Before the Deluge* and *The Vegetable World*, the last of which works has just been brought out here. All of Dore's works,—the Bible, Dante, *Don Quixote* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*; every foreign publication, in short, which is worth having may be found on the shelves or tables of this extensive establishment. No strictly American works have been brought out this year by the Messrs. Appleton, but there are several new editions of their former publications which deserve prominent mention. The *New American Cyclopædia* is one of the most valuable and useful gifts which can be made to any one who has a library, and the *Annual Cyclopædia* should be named in connection with it. The new edition of Dana's *Household Book of Poetry*, with the additions from recent authors, easily holds its place as the most complete collection of the kind extant, and as a companion volume to it we have a new edition of *Christian Ballads*, by Bishop Coxe. Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke's *Shakespeare* still holds its acknowledged position as one of the very best editions of the works of the great bard. That solace for hen-pecked husbands, *Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures*, of which a very handsome edition has just been issued, and a delightful book for the juveniles, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, illustrated by Tenniel, should not be overlooked amid the more ambitious volumes of which the few we have named are but representatives. Those who have been accustomed to frequent the establishment of the Appletons, do not need an introduction to "Father" Pars, as he is affectionately called, but those who may become bewildered among the superfluity of literary riches, with which they will be surrounded at this famous centre, will find him a safe counselor in their perplexities.

The presses of Harper & Brothers (Franklin square) have been at work as busily as ever during the year, and every one should possess himself of a catalogue of their publications before commencing his purchases. Among their standard publications may be named Motley's *Dutch Republic and United Netherlands;* the works of Geo. William Curtis, and among books of travel Doolittle's *China*, Hall's *Arctic Researches*, a new and elegant edition of which has just been published; Livingstone's *Zambesi;* Thompson's *Land and the Book;* Vambery's *Central Asia*, &c., &c. Napoleon's *Life of Cæsar* should not be forgotten, and the *Pictorial History of the Rebellion*, compiled by Dr. Guernsey and Mr. Alden, which is truly valuable as a careful, accurate, succinct and impartial record of the events of the war, would prove an acceptable gift to many. No more instructive or entertaining work can be put into the hands of the young than Wood's *Homes Without Hands*, and the temporary happiness of every child who may receive Laboulaye's delightful *Fairy Book* will be assured. Among the standard publications, again, are *Poets of the Nineteenth Century and Goldsmith's Poetical Works*. Coleridge, too, will be found to contain as much learning and wisdom as ever, and the admirers of Carlyle will undoubtedly gladly receive as a gift his *History of Frederick the Great*. Whoever wishes to live in the memory of a friend until another holiday season comes, need only present him with a year's subscription to those unfailing sources of entertainment and amusement, *Harper's Monthly* or *Harper's Weekly*.

Returning to Broadway the establishment of Messrs. Charles Scribner & Co. (No. 654) first calls for attention. In obedience to the popular demand for foreign books this enterprising firm has made a specialty of this branch of its business the present season, and it has been fortunate in having as its representative abroad one of the partners in the foreign branch of the firm, Mr. Charles Welford, who unites to a thorough and accurate knowledge of books, unfailing judgment and critical taste. Messrs. Scribner & Co. have imported a large supply of Dore's *Milton*, which will undoubtedly be received as one of the most acceptable of the productions of this remarkable artist by many who may desire to include in their collections at least one of the works illustrated by his pencil. The same firm also has all of Dore's works, and it was hoped that Tennyson's *Elaine*, with his illustrations, would be received in time for for the Holidays, but it has not yet come to hand. Prominent among the other foreign publications to be found here is a superb edition of *Bishop Heber's Hymns*. One hundred new designs, including some wood engravings finer than those in any of this year's illustrated works, with ornamental borders, vignettes, &c., all according completely with the spirit of the hymns, ornament the volume, which will undoubtedly be one of the most popular gift-books of the season. Another elegant volume is *Gems from the Poets*, a quarto, which is embellished with thirty plates, printed in colors. Of these two volumes Messrs. Scribner & Co. have the exclusive right of sale to the trade in this country. The following works, the elegance and intrinsic excellence of which call for detailed notice, we can only mention by their titles, premising that the illustrations consist of carefully-selected photographs: *The Great Works of Raphael; The Master-Pieces of Mulready; The Choicest of Rembrant's Etchings; The Ruins of Pompeii*, and *Summer Scenes*, by Birket Foster. *The Hand-book of Illumination* and *Beautiful-Leaved Plants* are also superb volumes. The only strictly American gift-book produced the present year by this firm is that unique and elegant folio, *Floral Belles*, by Mrs. Badger, which we have already noticed at length. It contains sixteen pictures of flowers, all colored by hand, and with most surprisng skill and fidelity to nature. A handsome edition of Burn's *Cotter's Saturday Night*, illustrated by Chapman; a new edition of *Folk Songs*, containing 250 additional pages, and a new illustrated edition of *Bitter Sweet*, with a portrait of Dr. Holland, are among the holiday publications of Scribner & Co. Among their standard works, Froude's *England* and Lange's *Commentary* should not be overlooked by those who wish to make truly valuable presents. Their magazine, *Hours at Home*, has also won for itself a high position and wide popularity, and would make a welcome monthly visitor in any family. Perce's Magnetic Globes are not only pretty as toys; they are useful helps in explaining the form of the earth, and the different phenomena connected therewith, and will prove unique and valuable presents.

Although Messrs. Ticknor & Fields may make their books in Boston, they find New-York the best place to sell them, and their establishment at No. 63 Bleecker-street, into which they were compelled to move last May from their more contracted quarters on Broadway, has become the favorite resort of the lovers of elegant literature; and certainly the list of writers, native and foreign, who have chosen this house as their medium for communicating with the public form as brilliant a catalogue as is anywhere to be found. Longfellow, Whittier, Hawthorne, Emerson, Lowell, Holmes, Tennyson, De Quincy and Browning are a few of the more prominent whose works catch the eye in a glance around the well-arranged shelves. The chief aim of Messrs. Ticknor & Fields is to make this store the depot of handsome editions of their publications, and the enterprise which they have exhibited in producing those exquisite illustrated editions of Whittier's *Maud Muller*, Longfellow's *Evangeline* and *Flower de Luce*, and Lowell's *Sir Launfal* deserves the most generous encouragement. In spite of the carping of captious critics, who feel bound to depreciate everything which does not bear the imprint of some foreign publisher, these handsome volumes are received as marking an epoch in American book-craft, as is proved by the fact of their large sale in spite of the heavy importation of illustrated English works with which they have come into competition. A new and handsome uniform edition of Longfellow's works has lately been issued by Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, and they also make a specialty of Tennyson's poems in separate volumes and in all styles of binding as well as in uniform editions. Although they have nothing but their own publications on sale, a list of holiday gifts could be made up from these alone which could not fail to please the most fastidious. Subscriptions for their periodicals—the venerable, but vigorous, *North American*, the *Atlantic* and *Young Folks* and *Every Saturday* are received at the Bleecker-street headquarters, and Marshall's masterly and lifelike steel engraving of Mr. Lincoln is also published there, although it is sold only through agents. Those who wish to procure it will doubtless have their wishes promptly attended to if they will send their address to Messrs. Ticknor & Fields.

The "Riverside editions" of the standard authors, both American and foreign, have gained a deserved reputation for their accurate typography and general elegance, and all book purchasers hardly need to be reminded that they are issued by Messrs. Hurd & Houghton, No. 459 Broome-street. The firm has, for the last year or two, devoted itself exclusively to the wholesale trade; but their publications can, of course, be procured of any bookseller. Macaulay's essays, bearing their imprint, long ago found its way to the libraries of nearly all admirers of this great master, and a few months since Messrs. Hurd & Houghton brought out an edition of the *History of England*, in six volumes. In a few weeks Macaulay's poems will complete this uniform series, which must supersedeall others. It is useless to enumerate the other standard works produced by this well-known house, which have been longer before the public. First among their miscellaneous works, especially adapted to the season, is *Watts' Divine and Moral Songs for Children*. This is properly an English production throughout, and was first introduced last year, but too late for the holiday trade. Its illustrations are exquisite in respect of design and finish. *Dickens' Christmas Books* is a handsome volume in itself, and its attractiveness is enhanced by Darley's illustrations. Among the works produced this Fall by Messrs. Hurd & Houghton are Miss Alice Cary's *Ballads, Lyrics and Hymns; Christmas in England*, comprising selections from Irving's Sketch-Book, very handsomely illustrated, and a series of very tasteful volumes in crown octavo, under the general designation of "The Riverside Classics," but three of which are published as yet: *Picciola*, illustrated by Flameng; *Lalla Rookh*, illustrated by Tenniel, and *Milton's Paradise Lost*. These are printed in very clear type, and are ornamented with head and tail pieces specially engraved for them. Messrs. Hurd & Houghton's catalogue comprises a number of juvenile publications, the most attractive of which are those illustrated by Stephens. *The Riverside Magazine*, the first number of which is nearly ready, bids fair to be emphatically the Children's Magazine.

Mr. George P. Putnam, who was some months ago relieved of his duties as Collector of Internal Revenue of the Eighth District, instead of running for Congress, concluded to return to the business in which he was formerly so widely popular, and, having associated with him his son, Mr. G. H. Putnam, has opened an establishment at No. 661 Broadway, opposite Bond-street. He will there resume, after January 1, the publication of the works of Irving and Bayard Taylor, and now offers his services to private individuals and literary associations generally in the selection of libraries or parts of libraries. He will purchase for them, at club rates, any number of books, from one volume to five thousand volumes, giving them the benefit of liberal discounts according to the quantities ordered. Any of the ornamental or presentation books may also be procured through this agency. Mr. Putnam will be welcomed back to his old occupation by troops of friends, and very many who have not the time or opportunity to look after such matters will doubtless avail themselves of his thorough knowledge of books and his well known business liberality to replenish their libraries.

Besides many standard publications, such as *Milman's Latin Christianity*, Hallam's works and *Macaulay's Essays* and *Histories*, the list of Messrs. Sheldon & Co., Nos. 498 and 500 Broadway, includes some of the most widely popular works ever issued in this country. There are, for instance, Spurgeon's sermons and miscellaneous productions, over 300,000 copies of which have actually been sold; Marion Harland's novels, *Alone*, *Sunnybank*, &c., &c. It is not generally remembered that Messrs. Sheldon & Co. were the publishers of Edward Everett's *Life of Washington*. Their stock is particularly rich in juvenile publications, of which *Rollo's Tour in Europe* and Abbott's *American History* retain all their old popularity, and it is hardly an exaggeration to say that they sell minor juvenile books by the cord. A visit to their spacious and well-ordered establishment will well repay those who wish to inspect the machinery of a large publishing house, and whoever goes there will not leave without taking away something for holiday gifts.

The establishment of W. J. Widdleton, No. 17 Mercer-street, near Howard, is rather out of the current of Broadway trade; but a choice variety of standard and belles-lettres books may be found there—for instance, Hallam's complete works; *Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy*, which is unsurpassed for beauty of mechanical execution, and the works of Edgar A. Poe. Mr. Widdleton has also lately published the revised edition of *Milman's History of Christianity*.

Messrs. Leypoldt & Holt, No. 451 Broome-street, have produced nothing with special reference to the Holiday trade, but they are the agents for the very convenient Tauchnitz editions which enjoy a world-wide popularity and include the works of nearly all the standard writers—Macaulay, Dickens, Thackeray, Miss Bronte, &c., &c.

Religious books are the specialty of Mr. M. W. Dodd, No. 506 Broadway, and it should not be forgotten that he is the American publisher of the very popular works by the author of *Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family*, (Mrs. Charles.) Her last work, *The Draytons and the Davenants*, which was noticed in our columns a few days since, is one of the best of her productions, and with the four or five volumes previously issued, make up a library which will entertain old and young alike, while they will teach the latter more history than they will be likely to learn in months of study. A volume of poems by Mrs. Charles has also just been issued by Mr. Dodd.

At the store of Mr. A. D. F. Randolph, No. 770 Broadway, sober-minded people will also find precisely the variety of books which they would like to give their friends. Evidence of Mr. Randolph's unexceptionable taste and of his appreciation of the wants of the season, is given in a handsome volume of poetry called *Heavenward, a collection of Hymns and Poems of Consolation*, and also in the arrangement in a muslin case of four very pretty little volumes, which he has issued during the last few months. These are *Pearls of Thought; The Shadow of the Rock; Hymns for the Church on Earth* and *Ore from Precious Stones*, which are together very appropriately called *Helps for the Quiet Hour*.

The list of Mr. James Miller (No. 522 Broadway) comprises a number of works well adapted for holiday gifts, and among them are several which parents may put in the hands of their children with the assurance that the hearts of the juveniles will be gladdened. First of all should be named *Poems of Childhood*, by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. This is beautifully illustrated by Hennessy & Thwaites, and is in every respect handsomely produced. Another of Mr. Miller's publications is *What the Moon Saw and Other Tales*, by Hans C. Andersen. His other juvenile publications are generally above the average of productions of this class.

Mr. G. W. Carleton has lately removed from his old stand to No. 499 Broadway. His miscellaneous publications are so numerous that it is impossible to keep track of them. *St. Elmo*, Miss Evans' novel, is the latest of his publications, and the demand for it is said to be very large. *Our Artist in Peru* and a handsomely illustrated edition of *Culprit Fay* are the only gift books which Mr. Carleton offers, but they are very attractive, and that first named is exceedingly amusing.

The very fine edition of *Æsop's Fables*, with Mr. Stephens' characteristic illustrations, published by Edward H. Weed, No. 24 Vesey-street, is one of the handsomest books of the season. The designs, which are lithographed by Mr. Julius Bien, are superior to anything of the kind ever executed in this country, and the printing of the letter press by Mr. Franklin is artistic throughout. There may also be found at the same place two volumes of proof impressions of Stephens' cartoons, originally drawn to accompany the *Nursery Rhymes*. Only 100 copies of this have been printed.

Mr. Walter Low, No. 593 Broadway, has all Dore's illustrated works, and is also agent for all the publications of the well-known London house, Messrs. Cassell, Peter & Galpin, who produce some of the most luxuriantly elegant works issued in England.

Messrs. F. J. Huntington & Co., No. 459 Broome-street, have a limited number of that handsome publication of last year—*A Festival of Song*—still remaining, and in harmony with it is the *Golden Leaf Series of American and British Poets*, in four beautifully-printed duodecimo volumes.

Headley's lives of our great Generals, for the young, with his biographies of other noted characters, can be procured at W. H. Appleton's, Nos. 92 and 94 Grand-street. The same publisher also reproduces a work which was formerly a great favorite, *Mrs. Jameson's Characteristics of Women*.

The specialty of Messrs. Fowler & Wells, No. 389 Broadway, is well understood, but this firm publishes some works upon other subjects than phrenology which will be found desirable for gifts.

Messrs. Dick & Fitzgerald, No. 18 Ann-street, publish a large variety of works instructing old and young how to amuse themselves rationally, during these winter evenings.

We can only mention briefly a few of the publishers not yet alluded to who are exerting themselves to be ready to meet the demands of the public. The well-known publisher of military works, Mr. D. Van Nostrand, No. 192 Broadway, since the close of the war, has beaten his plowshares into pruning-hooks, and offers a larg variety of elegant gift books as well as that *omnium gatherum* of war literature, the *Rebellion Record*. Messrs. Strahan & Co., No. 139 Grand-street, publish those excellent periodicals, *Good Words* and *Sunday Magazine*, and their list of books includes many standard works very tastefully produced. D. H. Francis, No. 506 Broadway, is agent for numerous elegant works, and also publishes, in conjunction with Scribner & Co., *Collier's Account of Rare Books*. H. B. Durand, No. 11 Bible House, offers a variety of religious works, and John Wiley & Son, No. 535 Broadway, are agents for the Cambridge (Eng.) Bible Warehouse, and also have a large assortment of juvenile publications. The London Printing and Publishing Company, No. 12 West Fourth-street, has some works which are not to be found elsewhere.

By way of supplementing a gift of books to the young folks, nothing could be more appropriate for the family circle than the very novel and ingenious game of "Martelle," just issued by Richardson & Co., No. 540 Broadway. It unites some of the leading and most attractive characteristics of billiards, ten-pins and croquet and is produced in such handsome form with its combinations of green cloth, black walnut, ebony mallets, and balls of ivory that it will be an ornament in any room while it is not at all cumbersome.

The American News Company, No. 121 Nassau-street, have published several notable books during the year; Among them Mr. Richard Grant White's *Poetry of the War*. They have imported and have for sale a very tasteful edition of the "British Poets" in twelve volumes, but their specialty is the furnishing any pamphlet, newspaper, periodical or book that may be ordered through their connections, which extend to all parts of the country. "The Magic Fan" is a very entertaining story which they have just produced.

— An excellent Christmas number of the *Catholic World* has just been published. The contents comprise an unusual variety, embracing full twenty-nine articles, of which sixteen are original contributions, and three are translations. Christmas literature, in poetry and prose, is well represented in the current issue of this deserving periodical, which is designed to constitute the initial number for the year 1867. Lawrence Kehoe, No. 145 Nassau-street, is the publisher.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 17, 1866

$3,000 U. S. 6s, '81....C.	112	100 Pac. Mail S. Co.	170½
5 0 U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'62	107¼	50 Stonington R.	100
7,000 do.	107½	900 Reading R.	111
30,000 U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'64	106	1100 do	111⅛
12,000 U. S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New Issue	108⅜	200 Mich. Cen. R.	112½
4,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Ser.	105¼	100 do	112¾
50,000 do....2d Ser.	105⅝	100 do	112⅝
3,000 do.	105	1500 M. S. & N. I.	82¼
10,000 City 6s, '87	100	200 do.....b10	82⅝
2,000 Tenn. 6s, ...N.	69¼	200 do	82⅛
21,000 do	69	100 Ill. Cen. R.	118
4,000 Mo. 6s, issued to Pacific R.	91¾	500 Cleve. & Pitts.	91⅛
16,000 Missouri 6s	91⅝	300 do	91⅝
5,000 N. Car. 6s....x-c	52	200 do	91½
10,000 Ohio & M. Cer.	29⅝	100 Chi. & N. W.	54⅜
100,000 do	29¾	100 do.....b5	54½
5,000 Ohio & M. 1st	92½	100 do.....b5	54⅝
3,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83.	95	100 do	54¼
1,200 B.,N.Y.& E.1stM	95	1000 Chi. & N.W.P.	79¾
2,000 Mich. So.S.F.Bs.	95¾	1500 do	79¼
3,000 To.&W.1st M.Ex	92	2000 do.....s10	79¼
1,000 Alt.&T.H.2d P.	81	2000 do.....b30	79½
4,000 Chi. & N.W.1stM	88½	200 do.....s30	78½
2,000 C. & R. I. & P. 7s	94	200 Clev. & Tol. R.	113¾
50 Cen. N. Bank	110¾	300 Chic. & R. I.	105
10 Fourth N. Bk.	112½	1000 do	104⅞
50 Del. & Hud. Canal.	154	200 do.....s10	105
400 Wilks. Coal	63	200 Mil. & St. P.	51⅛
200 West. U. Tel.	49¼	100 Mil. & St. P. Pr.	67
100 do	49⅜	100 do.....s60	66
100 Atlantic S.S.Co.	107	100 do	68
300 do	108	40 Chic., B. & Q.	130½
300 Union Nav. Co.	105⅛	20 Mil.& P.D.C.1st Pr.	98¼
600 Bos.Water P.	29¾	75 P., Ft.W.& C.	106⅛
290 Adams Ex. Co.	63	200 do.....b30	106½
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100 do	62½	300 do	106½
3 Amer. Ex. Co	75	100 do	106⅝
500 N. Y. Central	111¾	200 do	106¾
50 do	111⅛	2000 do	107
800 Erie Railroad	73¼	200 do.....s10	107
1700 do	73	100 Alt. & T. H.	41
1100 do	73⅛	100 Chic. & G. E.	34
		100 do.....s30	32½
		100 H. & St. J.	59

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

10,000 U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New Issue	108⅝	800 Erie R.	73½
50,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. Sec. Ser.	105⅛	300 do	73⅛
1,000 Mo. St. 6s	91⅝	100 do.....s30	73⅛
100 Cum. Coal P.	65¼	500 M. S. & N. I. R.	82⅝
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5 West. U. Tel. Rus. Extension	96¾	500 Chic. & N. W.	54⅜
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200 Wilkes. Coal	63	400 Reading R.	111⅝
300 N. Y. Cen.	111⅞	1550 Chi. & N. W. P.	79¾
400 Mil. & St. P. Pr.	67¾	200 Clev. & Tol	113¾
		100 Tol., W. & W. b30	45
		100 P., F. W. & C.	107
		600 Mil. & St. P.	52

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

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2,000 U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New issue	108⅜	40 Clev. & Pitts R.	90
4,000 T. Notes, 7 3-10s, Sec. Ser.	105⅛	300 Mil. & St. P.	52¼
2,000 Tenn. 6s, ...x-c	69½	100 Mil. & St. P. Pr.	68¼
2,000 Tenn. St. 6s. N.	69	800 Chic. & N. W.	54⅝
10,000 do	69¼	500 do	54½
3,000 do	69⅛	900 Chic. & N. W. P.	79½
4,000 Mo. State 6s	92	200 Cleve. & Tol.	114⅜
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1100 do	73⅜	800 P. F. W. & C.	107
100 Erie R. Pr.	85½	200 do	107⅛
200 Mich. S. & N. I.	82⅜	100 do	107¼
600 do	82½	100 T., W. & W. R.	44¼
		100 do.....b30	44¾

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200 do	105⅜	500 do.....b10	110⅞
100 do	105⅛	600 do.....c	110⅞
100 N. Y. Cen.	112	200 do.....b10	111
100 do	111⅞	400 do.....b3	111
100 do	111¾	300 Chi. & N. W.	54⅜
200 do.....b3	111⅞	800 do	54⅜
1000 Erie Railroad	73	200 do.....c	54⅜
600 do	72⅞	400 do.....s3	54½
1200 do	73⅛	800 do.....b3	54⅝
300 do.....b10	73¼	200 do.....c	53⅜
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400 do.....c	82⅛	800 do	104⅞
200 do.....b5	82⅛	100 do.....b10	105
800 do.....s3	82	100 do.....b30	105
500 do.....b5	82⅛	800 do.....s3	104⅞
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400 do.....s3	91¼	1200 do.....s3	79⅜
200 do.....c	91⅜	2200 do.....s3	79¼
500 Cleve. & Tol. R. b3	113¾	200 do.....b5	79⅜
800 P.,F.W. & C....x-d	106¼		

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100 do.....s3	105½	1200 do	91¾
100 do	105⅜	800 Cleve. & Tol	114
100 N. Y. Cen.	111¾	600 do	114⅛
800 Erie R.	73⅜	400 do	114¼
400 do.....b3	73½	500 do.....b3	114⅛
1200 do	73½	400 Ch., R. I. & P.	105¼
300 do.....b3	73⅝	200 do.....b10	105⅜
800 Reading R.	111¼	100 do.....b3	105⅝
200 do.....b10	111⅜	300 do.....b3	105¼
500 do	111⅛	1200 Chic. & N. W.	54⅞
400 do.....b3	111⅜	800 do.....s3	54¾
400 do.....s3	111¼	500 do.....b3	54⅞
600 Tol., Wab. & W.	44½	200 do.....b30	55
1200 Mich. S. & N. I.	82⅞	200 do.....s3	54⅞
800 do	82¾	1200 Chi. & N. W. P.	79⅜
1800 do	83	200 do.....s5	79⅝
800 do.....s3	82⅞	900 do.....b3	79¾
400 do.....b10	83	300 do.....s3	79⅝
1100 do.....b3	83	600 P.,Ft.W. & C.	107
400 do.....b5	83	500 do	106⅞
300 do.....s10	82⅞	400 do.....s3	106⅞

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

200 West. U. Tel.	49½	1200 Cleve. & Tol	114⅛
300 N. Y. Cen.	111⅞	400 do.....b3	114⅜
100 do.....s10	111¾	200 Chi., R. I. & P.	104⅞
100 do.....b3	111⅞	200 do	104¾
600 Erie R.	73	100 Union Nav. Co.	105⅜
800 do	73⅛	100 do	105⅛
200 do.....b10	73¼	1800 Chi. & N. W.	54⅜
200 do.....b3	73¼	800 do.....s3	54½
300 do.....s3	73⅛	500 do.....b3	54¾
100 Reading R.	111¼	200 do.....b10	54⅞
900 do	111½	200 do.....b3	54⅞
300 do	111⅜	2200 Chic. & N. W. P.	79⅜
200 Tol., W. & W.	44¼	100 do.....s30	78
300 M. So. & N. I.	82⅞	600 do.....s3	79⅜
200 do.....b10	82½	500 do.....b3	79⅜
100 do.....b3	82½	600 do.....b5	79¾
200 do	82½	400 do.....s3	79¼
600 Clev. & Pitts	91	200 do.....b10	79⅜
500 do.....b3	91¼	600 P., F.W. & C....x-d	107
400 do.....b3	91		

Monday, Dec. 17—P. M.

The weekly averages of the associated Local and National Banks in the Clearing-house of this City, for the week ending Saturday last, Dec. 15, compare as follows with the previous week, and with the corresponding week last year; to which we add the specie and currency balances in the New-York office of the United States Treasury at these dates, respectively:

Decrease in Loans	$2,167,697
Decrease in Specie	590,850
Increase in other Legal-Tenders	3,047,452
Increase in Deposits	2,781,449
Increase in Circulation	3,002

	Dec. 16, 1865.	Dec. 15, 1866.	Dec. 8, 1866.
National Cap'l.	$71,207,700	$74,007,700	$74,007,700
Local Capital.	9,478,500	9,262,500	9,262,500
Total Capital.	$80,686,200	$83,270,200	$83,270,200
Loans	227,814,356	258,452,330	260,620,027
Gold and Gold Notes	16,981,425	13,991,200	14,582,050
Other L. Tend'r	48,887,556	63,934,309	60,946,857
Deposits	1[illegible]0,913,753	206,458,271	203,676,822
Circulation	16,570,613	31,797,655	31,794,656
In Sub-Tres'y.	79,059,532	108,689,176	106,689,404

The Bank return this afternoon shows a more considerable increase in Legal Tender Notes, and also on the Deposit line than was expected on Saturday. The movement is about three millions stronger than on last Monday. The *pro rata* of lawful money to the immediate obligations of the Banks on Deposits and Circulation is, on the present statement, 32⅝ ℔ cent. The loans at Bank are two millions and upward less than last Monday, by reason of the diminished demand for money. The general rate at call to the brokers to-day is 6 ℔ cent. Where it stood at 7 ℔ cent. last week it has been voluntarily reduced by lenders, in some instances to 6 ℔ cent. On Government collateral we hear of balances being left at 5 ℔ cent. There is general ease in the market to-day, and it is not improbable that before the new year 5 ℔ cent. interest will be almost, if not quite, as common as 6 ℔ cent. to the brokers. On prime Merchant paper of short date the present quotations are 6½@7 ℔ cent. There is not a large offering of paper of any description at Bank.

The National Bank circulation reported through the Clearing-house is as follows:

Merchants'	$744,098	Mercantile	$482,264
Mer. Exchange	453,822	Republic	765,383
Commerce	5,743,530	St. Nicholas	756,247
Ocean	800,000	Marine	265,000
Market	531,717	East River	283,500
Park	1,000,000	Second	270,000
Fourth	2,891,422	Continental	550,272
Central	1,646,498	Importers'	504,941
Mechanics'	563,002	Ninth	923,616
New-York	821,948	First	449,459
M. Association	307,360	Am. Exchange	987,689
Metropolitan	1,616,450	Gallatin	498,075
Commonwealth	211,927	Citizens'	140,519
Leather	185,000	Union	449,946
N. America	340,183	Chatham	130,310
Irving	196,750	Shoe & Leather	920,826
Tradesmen's	726,624	Hanover	292,283
Phœnix	292,627	N. Y. Exchange	269,197
Third	796,284	Mechanics & T.	175,000
Butchers & D.	243,803	Atlantic	98,357
Seventh Ward	177,526	Pacific	130,429
Broadway	900,000	Grocers'	83,550
Tenth	911,700	Croton	120,000
Total 46 National Banks			$31,649,146
Total 15 other National and Local Banks			148,509
Total on Clearing-house report, Dec. 8			$31,797,655
On previous report, Dec. 8			31,794,653
Increase in circulation			$3,002

The price of Gold opened this morning at the closing quotation of Saturday, 137⅞@⅞ ℔ cent., but the market manifesting some firmness, and the supply of cash Gold being less free, the sales advanced to 138@138⅛ ℔ cent. before 1 o'clock. At a later hour there was less firmness, with sales at 138 ℔ cent., followed, however, by a return to 138⅛@138⅜ ℔ cent. The stiffness in the Gold Room was variously ascribed to financial rumors from Washington and to the comparative supply of cash Gold, and also to the advanced asking rates of Exchange for the Boston steamer early in the day. But the last-named influence was of brief duration. The leading Bankers, after talking of 109⅝@¾ on London in the morning, were soon found ready to accept 109⅝@109½ ℔ cent., at which quotation the market left off at 3 o'clock.

In reference to Washington rumors on Gold and Currency questions, we deem it safe to conclude that nothing will be done until the first or second week in January, if so early. Both Houses of Congress adjourn on Thursday, 20th inst., until Thursday, Jan. 3.

The Public Funds were ⅛ ℔ cent. higher than on Saturday, and the demand somewhat active at the close of the day for the old 5-20s of 1862 at 107⅛, and the Consolidated Stock of 1865 at 108⅛@⅜ ℔ cent. The 7.30 Currency Notes were wanted at 105⅛ ℔ cent.

The Railway movement on the Stock Exchange was active in demand and buoyant in prices through the entire forenoon, and followed by little or no reaction from the top rates at the Second Board. The new points in speculation since Saturday were on Michigan Southern and Fort Wayne, in the forenoon, and on Toledo at the Second Board. There was also more attention directed to Erie and higher bidding for Reading and Rock Island. The two Northwest Stocks continued in favor, as at the close of last week, and the Preferred, at one time, touched 80 ℔ cent, ex-dividend, as against 76⅛ on Saturday morning and 78⅛ on Saturday night. The Border State Bonds were a fraction better on Missouris and Tennessees. The Miscellaneous Shares higher on Atlantic Mail, but otherwise steady.

At 5 o'clock P. M. the following quotations were made as compared with Saturday afternoon, the market leaving off steady:

	Sat.	Mon.		Sat.	Mon.
U. S. 10-40s	99⅞	99¾	Northwest	53⅞	54⅜
U. S. 5-20s	107⅛	107⅛	N. West Pref.	78⅝	79⅜
U. S. 7.30s	105	105⅛	Rock Island	104⅞	104⅞
N. Y. Central	111⅞	112	Fort Wayne	105⅞	107
Erie	72⅞	73⅛	Cumb'land Coal.	65	66
Hudson	121	121	Quicksilver	45½	45
Reading	110⅝	111⅛	W. U. Telegraph.	49	49⅞
Mich. Southern	81⅞	82⅝	Mariposa Pref.	30¾	31⅜
Illinois Central	117½	118	Ohio Certificates	29	29⅛
Pittsburgh	91⅛	91⅛	American Gold	137¾	138⅛
Tennessee 6s	69	69⅛	Bills on London	109⅝	109⅝

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	118	East River	100
Butchers & Drovers	127	Market	112
National	108	Shoe and Leather	115
Commerce	117	Commonwealth	111
Ocean	103	New-York County	140
American Exchange	114	Impt'rs. & Traders	115
Pacific	160	Central National	105
Hanover	113	Fourth National	110
Irving	106	Oriental Bank	130
Metropolitan	130		

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen 6s. 1883	95	Cons. 7 ℔ c. conv.	83
N. Y. Cen. 7s. '76	105½	Del. L. & W. 1st M.	100½
N. Y. Cen. 7s. con. '76	110	Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	92½
N. Y. Cen. 7s. 65-76	110	Tol. & Wab. 1st M. ex.	92
Erie 1st mort., 1876	100½	Tol. & W. 2d M.	75
Erie 7s. 2d mort., 1879	100	Tol. & Wab. Equ. Bds.	70
Erie 7s. 3d mort., 1883	98½	Gt. Western, 1st M. '68	95
Buff. N. Y. & E. 1st M. '77	95	Gt. Western 2d M., '93	70
Hud. R. 7s. 1st M., 1869	102¾	Gal. & Chi. ext.	100
Hud. R. 7s. 2d M., s.f. '85	104	Gal. & Chic. 2d M.	98
Hud. R. 7s. 3d M. 1875	99	Chi. & R.I., 1st mort.	102
Hud. R. 7s. conv., 1867	98	N. J. Central 2d M.	101
Harlem 1st M. '69-'72	100½	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 1st M.	100
Harlem 3d mort. '68	98	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 2d M.	97½
Mich. Cen. 8 ℔ ct. 1869-'72	106	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 3d M.	87
Chi., B. & Q. 8 ℔ ct. 1st M.	111	Cleve. & P. 4th mort.	75
N. Ind. Goshen L. 1868	95	Chi. & Alton, 1st M.	101¼
Mich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ℔ c.	95¾	Ohio & Miss. 1st mort.	92½
Ill. Cen. 7 ℔ c. 1875	106	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M.	83
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	95	Chic. & Mil. 1st M.	91½
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pt.	81	Joliet & Chic. 1st M.	100
Chi. & N. W. Ex'n B.	85	Chi. & Gt. East'n 1st M.	70
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	88½	N. Y. & N. H. 6s.	94

The Bank of New-York has declared a half-yearly Dividend of 5 ℔ cent., payable Jan. 2.

The following is a statement of the approximate earnings of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company during the month of November, compared with the same period of the years 1864 and 1865:

	1866.	1865.	1864.
Freight	$452,247	$428,578	$409,844
Passengers	203,187	255,306	288,093
Express matter	7,800	10,964	8,023
Mails	7,825	7,825	7,825
Rent of Railway	7,083	7,083	7,083
Miscellaneous	3,410	2,605	1,225
Total	$681 552	$712,362	$722,095
Jan. 1 to Nov. 30	$6,904,822	$7,908,099	$6,434,416

Semi-annual dividends have been declared by the Union Trust Company of 4 ℔ cent; and the Hamilton Fire Insurance Company of 5 ℔ cent.

The business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer to-day was as follows: Total Receipts, $5,268,182 33, of which $200,000 were for Customs; Gold Notes, $189,000; Payments, $6,645,111 71; Balance, $10,7912,246 72.

The total debt—principal and interest—of Florida, as shown in the Comptroller's report to the Legislature, is $638,862 87. Of this amount, all except $126,000 is due to citizens of the State.

Early in the current year Mr. A. D. Shepard directed the attention of the Board of Trade of Albany to the inconveniences of the present system of buying and selling grain by the bushel. A resolution submitted by Mr. Shepard, for the adoption of the cental system in lieu thereof, was adopted, and the concurrence of the Boards of Trade represented at the Detroit Convention last year was asked. They responded tardily. At last Buffalo took up the resolution and adopted it. The New-York Produce Exchange concurred, unanimously, last week. On Tuesday the Chicago Board of Trade acted upon it, and the result of their action was communicated in the annexed dispatch, dated Dec. 11:

Mr. Wm. Lacy: Our Board adopted the decimal system unanimously to-day.
JOHN F. BEATTY, Secretary.

The action of Chicago, Buffalo and New-York settles the question. A dispatch from Milwaukee announces that the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce have unanimously adopted the "Cental" system in buying and selling grain and seeds. The Cincinnati *Gazette* urges on the Board of Trade of that city prompt and favorable action on the Albany resolution.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

CITY OF SAINT LOUIS
SIX PER CENT. BONDS,
Issued for the improvement of the wharf and harbor, twenty years to run, SECURED BY SINKING FUND, INTEREST PAYABLE IN NEW-YORK CITY, for sale by POTT, DAVIDSON & JONES, Bankers, Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.

BROOKLYN CITY LOANS.
These include Park, Water and other Improvemetn Six and Seven per Cent. Bonds. For sale by
JAY COOKE & CO., Wall and Nassau sts.

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Monday, Dec. 17, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of produce since our last have been 3,254 bbls. Flour, 1,350 bags Corn Meal, 16,776 bushels Corn, 1,165 bushels Oats, 376 pkgs. Pork, 30 pkgs. Cut Meats, 190 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue inactive at $8 25@$8 50 for Pots, and $12 for Pearls, ℔ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is in rather more request, including Java at 24⅛c.@25⅛c.; Native Ceylon, 18⅛c.@20⅛c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@19c.; Laguayra, 17⅛c.@19c.; Rio, 16c.@18⅛c.; St. Domingo, 16⅛c.@16⅛c., in gold, ℔ lb.; sales 650 bags.

COTTON—Has attracted more attention and been quoted firmer. Middlings 34⅛c.@36⅛c. ℔ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 3,700 bales, against receipts of 2,626 bales.

Movements in Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	18,940
Receipts last week	19,726
Receipts preceeding week	15,976
Receipts since Dec. 1, 1866	42,460
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1866	205,979
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1866	588,942
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1866	511,630
Exports since Dec. 1	11,737
Exports since Sept. 1	87,058
Exports since Jan. 1, 1866	363,506
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1866	495,309
Estimated stock on hand here	150,000
Receipts at all the shipping ports of the United States from the close of the war, May 1, 1865, to Sept. 1, 1866	2,571,040
Receipts at all the ports from Sept. 1, 1866, to latest mail dates	519,000
Exports from all the ports since Sept. 1, 1866	185,000
Estimated stock on hand at all the ports at latest mail dates	460,000

FLOUR AND MEAL—There has been a good inquiry for State and Western Flour to-day, at a further general rise of 15c.@25c. ℔ bbl., the market closing quite buoyantly. Sales since our last have been 19,700 bbls., including very poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $8 15@$10 25; common to fair Extra State, fresh inspection, at $10 50@$11 20; fair to choice do. do. at $11 25@$12; round-hoop Extra Ohio, poor to good shipping brands, at $10 75@$12 ℔ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$8 15	@10 25
Extra State	10 50	@12 00
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan. &c.	9 20	@14 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	10 75	@12 00
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	12 00	@15 25
Extra Genesee	12 00	@15 00
Common to choice extra Missouri	13 00	@16 50

Southern Flour is decidedly firmer, on a more active demand from the trade. Sales since our last 1,050 bbls., in lots, at $11@$13 10 for poor to good, and $13 15@$16 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ℔ bbl. Canadian Flour continues in moderate demand: 400 bbls. Extra sold at $13@$15 ℔ bbl. Rye Flour continues in fair request, including Superfine at $6@$7 60 ℔ bbl.; sales 500 bbls. Corn Meal is in less demand at $5@$5 10 for Western, $5 10@$5 25 for Jersey, and $5 25@$5 35 for Brandywine, ℔ bbl.; sales 300 bbls. Buckwheat Flour is in better request and quoted up to $3 50@$4 ℔ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in much better demand, chiefly for milling purposes, though, in part, on speculative account, at a further advance of 5c. ℔ bushel, the market closing in favor of sellers, who are not eager to realize at even the improved rates now current, as they anticipate a further important rise. Sales since our last 71,000 bushels, including White Canada, at $3 10@$3 25; Chicago Spring and Milwaukee Club at $2 20@$2 42, the latter rate for choice No. 2; and common to prime Amber State at $3@$3 10; a higher price ($3 15) having been refused for an extra choice parcel ℔ bushel. There is very little State Wheat offering, and the local millers are in want of it. Corn advanced 1c.@2c. ℔ bushel on a moderate business, partly speculative. Sales since our last 74,000 bushels, at $1 14@$1 16 for mixed Western, in store and afloat, chiefly at $1 15 in store; $1 16 for old Yellow Western, and $1 08@$1 13 for new Yellow and White Jersey and Southern, ℔ bushel. Rye has been in fair demand and buoyant in price; sales since our last, 13,000 bushels at $1 32 for State, $1 20@$1 22 for Western, and $1 30 for Canada, ℔ bushel. Prime Barley continues in good demand and buoyant. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 34,000 bushels, on private terms, for Canada West, in bond; $1 17 for State; and 85c.@90c. for Western, ℔ bushel. Barley Malt is quiet at $1 35@$1 40 ℔ bushel. Oats have been in brisk request and a trifle dearer. We quote Chicago and Milwaukee at 65c.@67c., and State at 70c.@70½c., chiefly at 70c. ℔ bushel; sales 61,000 bushels. Of Canada Peas 8,500 bushels sold, in bond, at $1 35 ℔ bushel. Stock of grain in New-York and Brooklyn warehouses, today, 1,593,859 bushels Wheat, 3,083,644 bushels Corn, 482,820 bushels Rye, 1,660,632 bushels Barley, 74,250 bushels Malt, 2,343,152 bushels Oats, and 39,099 bushels Peas. The stock of Breadstuffs in store at Chicago is given as follows:

	Week ending Dec. 8, 1866.	Dec. 9, 1865.
Flour, bbls	93,524	47,177
Wheat, bushels	703,180	708,198
Corn, bushels	352,035	108,948
Oats, bushels	329,173	416,179
Rye, bushels	155,341	81,178
Barley, bushels	364,890	307,836

The following figures show the amount of grain in store in Buffalo and afloat in the creek, Dec. 13:

Wheat, bushels	321,892
Corn, bushels	319,741
Oats, bushels	392,459
Barley, bushels	107,880
Peas, bushels	7,923
Rye, bushels	38,340
Grand total bushels	1,187,965

The following is a statement of the receipts and shipments of flour and grain, at Chicago, for the past week ending with Dec. 12, and also for the season, (commencing April,) up to date:

	Receipts. Past Week.	Receipts. Season, 1866.	Shipments. Past Week.	Shipments. Season, 1866.
Flour, barrels	32,254	1,501,609	24,040	1,492,992
Wheat, bushels	126,268	10,579,755	42,980	9,202,068
Corn, bushels	71,060	31,761,826	6,954	33,078,087
Oats, bushels	48,222	9,853,097	10,908	8,901,895
Rye, bushels	7,375	1,592,618	11,560	1,213,857
Barley, bushels	20,324	1,401,535	6,372	1,213,857

HAY—North River bale is in fair demand at 90c.@$1 05 for shipment, and $1 20@$1 40 for local use, ℔ 100 lbs. Straw, 70c.@$1 10 ℔ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue in fair request and firm, including new at 35c.@65c.; old at 20c.@45c.; also foreign at 40c.@55c. ℔ lb.

LATHS—Eastern are quiet and depressed at $3 75 @$4 ℔ thousand.

LIME—Has been in demand at unchanged prices.

MOLASSES—Has been plenty and heavy, including Porto Rico at 52c.@65c.; English Island at 52½c.@57½c.; Cuba, at 42c.@55c.; New-Orleans, 72c.@85c. ℔ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Are less freely offered and are in demand, including Spirits Turpentine at 68½c.@71c. ℔ gallon; Crude do. at $6@$6 25; Resin at $4 12½@$11 ℔ 280 lbs.; Tar at $2 25@$3 ℔ bbl.

OILS—Continue quiet and heavy, including Crude Whale at $1 20@$1 25; Bleached Whale at $1 30@$1 35; Crude Sperm at $2 60@$2 65; Unbleached do. at $2 90@$3; Lard Oil at $1 10@$1 25; Red Oil at 75c.@90c.; Linseed Oil at $1 32@$1 35 for English and American, ℔ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has been in very moderate demand at 19c.@20c. for Crude; 29c.@33c. for ordinary to prime White Refined, in bond, and 46c.@48c. for do., free, ℔ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more freely offered at reduced prices, yet the demand has not been very brisk. Sales have been reported since our last of 5,900 bbls., in lots, at $20 20@$20 37, cash and regular way, for one year old Mess, closing heavily at $20 25; $21@$21 50 for new City and Western Mess; $20@$20 50 for Prime Mess, $17 50@$17 75 for Old and New Prime, ℔ bbl. Sales were also reported of 2,750 bbls. New Mess, for forward delivery, including seller January, part at $21@$21 25, and seller February at $21 25, ℔ bbl. Cut Meats have been in fair supply and limited request; sales 105 pkgs., at 9c.@10c. for Shoulders, and 10c.@12c. for Hams, ℔ lb. Bacon continues inactive and depressed. Sales 70 boxes, including Cumberland, at 10½c.@10⅛c. ℔ lb. Lard has been moderately inquired for at about former prices. Sales since our last 700 tcs. and bbls., in lots, at from 12½c.@12⅞c., for choice old kettle-rendered, and 13c.@13½c. for new Western, ℔ lb. Beef continues plenty and heavy. We quote at $13@$17 for Plain Mess and $16 50@$20 50 for Extra do.; sales have been reported of 450 bbls. Tierce Beef continues in moderate demand; 240 tcs. sold, part at $32@$35 for India Mess, and $28 50 @$32 for Prime Mess. Beef Hams are in demand at $27@$32, ℔ bbl.; sales 300 bbls. Dressed Hogs continue in limited demand and heavy at 9c.@9½c. for heavy and light, chiefly City, ℔ lb. Butter has been in fair request at 30c.@42c. for State, and 45c.@50c. for Fancy do., and 15c.@32c. for poor to good Western, ℔ lb. Cheese continues in demand at 8c.@17c. ℔ lb. We quote:

BUTTER.

Sussex, Orange and Chenango County Dairies—firkins, good to extra, ℔ lb	40	@42
Sussex, Orange and Chemung County Dairies—half-firkin tubs, good to extra, ℔ lb	45	@50
New-York State Dairies—firkins, good to extra, ℔ lb	38	@40
New-York State Dairies—firkins, fair to good, ℔ lb	36	@38
New-York State Dairies—half-firkin tubs, good to extra, ℔ lb	42	@45
New-York State Dairies—half-firkin tubs, fair to good, ℔ lb	38	@40
New-York State Dairies—fresh firkins, extra, ℔ lb	40	@42
New-York State Dairies—ordinary qualities, ℔ lb	30	@33
New-York State Dairies—Welsh tubs, good to extra, ℔ lb	36	@38
New-York State Dairies—Welsh tubs, fair to good, ℔ lb	34	@35
North Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins, fair to good, ℔ lb	34	@35
North Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins, ordinary, ℔ lb	30	@32
Western Reserve—firkins, fair to good, ℔ lb	25	@28
Western Reserve—firkins, ordinary, ℔ lb	22	@24
Western States—firkins, fair to good, ℔ lb	22	@25
Western States—firkins, ordinary, ℔ lb	18	@25
Western States—firkins, common	15	@17
Rolls, State, good to prime in cloths	30	@23
Rolls, Western, good to prime, in cloths	28	@30
Rolls, poor to good	25	@28

CHEESE.

Factory Dairies, 1st quality State, ℔ lb	16½	@17
Factory Dairies, 2d quality State, ℔ lb	15	@16½
Factory Dairies, Western, ℔ lb	15	@16
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OFFICIAL CITY CANVASS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND DECLARATION.

STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, IN RELATION TO VOTES GIVEN FOR

Comptroller of the City of New-York.

An Alderman in each of the Aldermanic Districts having an odd numerical designation.

Five Councilmen in each of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Senate Districts.

One Commissioner of Common Schools in each School District.

One Trustee of Common Schools in each Ward.

And such other School Offices as were vacant by reason of death, resignation, or from other causes.

The Board of City Canvassers of the City of New-York, having met at the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, City Hall, on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 17th days of December, 1866, to canvass and estimate the votes given in the several Election Districts of said City, at the election held on the 4th day of December, in the year aforesaid, pursuant to the provisions of "An act to amend the Charter of the City of New-York," passed April 14, 1857, do certify as follows, to wit:

FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Comptroller of the City of New-York was seventy-one thousand four hundred and sixty-three 71,463
Of which Richard B. Connolly received twenty-seven thousand one hundred and fifty-three 27,153
Of which Richard Kelly received twenty-four thousand nine hundred and twelve 24,912
Of which Michael Connolly received nineteen thousand one hundred and eleven 19,111
Of which Charles L. Fleming received one hundred and nine 109
Of which there were Blank sixty 60
And of which there were Scattering forty-eight ..... 48—71,463

FOR ALDERMEN.

FIRST ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the First Aldermanic District was two thousand five hundred and seventy-five 2,575
Of which John Moore received two thousand and forty 2,040
Of which James F. Horan received four hundred and sixty-seven 467
Of which there were blank forty 40
And of which there were scattering ..... 28— 2,575

THIRD ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Third Aldermanic District was three thousand nine hundred and eighteen 3,918
Of which Michael Norton received two thousand one hundred and sixty-three 2,163
Of which Terence Duffy received one thousand five hundred and thirty-one 1,531
Of which John Contrell received two hundred and thirteen 213
Of which there were blank seven 7
And of which there were scattering four ..... 4— 3,918

FIFTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that: The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Fifth Aldermanic District was four thousand three hundred and ninety-one 4,391
Of which Eugene Ward received one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight 1,558
Of which Theodore Allen received one thousand two hundred and forty-seven 1,247
Of which Samuel J. Montgomery received seven hundred and thirty-four 745
Of which Isaac Robinson received seven hundred and eighteen 734
Of which Robert Harrison received one hundred and one 101
Of which there were blank eleven 11
And of which there were scattering twenty-two ..... 22— 4,391

SEVENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Seventh Aldermanic District were three thousand eight hundred and forty-three 3,843
Of which William B. White received one thousand seven hundred and seven 1,707
Of which John G. Haviland received one thousand four hundred and sixty-five 1,465
Of which William H. Gedney received six hundred and forty-five 645
Of which there were blank nine 9
And of which there were scattering seventeen ..... 17— 3,843

NINTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Ninth Aldermanic District was three thousand seven hundred and fifty 3,750
Of which Don Alonzo Cushman received one thousand six hundred and forty-one 1,641
Of which William W. Owens received one thousand two hundred and twenty-six 1,226
Of which Joseph W. Lamb received six hundred and twenty-one 621
Of which James Degnan received two hundred and ten 210
Of which Augustus Bissell received eleven 11
Of which George Schafer received eight 8
Of which there were blank twenty 20
And of which there were scattering thirteen ..... 13— 3,756

ELEVENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Eleventh Aldermanic District was six thousand three hundred and sixty-eight 6,368
Of which John Hardy received three thousand and forty-nine 3,049
Of which James Diamond received two thousand and sixty-five 2,065
Of which Martin Thatcher received one thousand two hundred and thirty-four 1,234
Of which Enos McMullen received eleven 11
Of which there were blank six 6
And of which there were scattering three ..... 3— 6,368

THIRTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Thirteenth Aldermanic District was five thousand five hundred and thirty-six 5,536
Of which James E. Coulter received two thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight 2,968
Of which Nathan C. Ely received one thousand two hundred and forty-nine 1,249
Of which John S. Masterson received nine hundred and twenty-eight 928

Of which Adam Roediger received three hundred and seventy-eight.... 378
Of which there were Blank eight.... 8
And of which there were Scattering five.... 5— 5,536

FIFTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Fifteenth Aldermanic District was four thousand five hundred and seventy-nine.... 4,579
Of which James O'Brien received two thousand five hundred and forty-two.... 2,542
Of which Christopher Pullman received two thousand and twenty-one.... 2,021
Of which there were blank fourteen.... 14
And of which there were scattering two.... 2— 4,579

SEVENTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Alderman of the Seventeenth Aldermanic District was three thousand three hundred and thirty-seven... 3,337
Of which John McQuade received one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.... 1,872
Of which Robert C. Brown received one thousand three hundred and fourteen.... 1,314
Of which John Maguire received one hundred and thirty-nine.... 139
Of which there were Blank nine.... 9
And of which there were Scattering three.. 3— 3,337

FOR COUNCILMEN.

FIRST COUNCILMANIC (FOURTH SENATE) DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the offices of Councilmen of the First Councilmanic (Fourth Senate) District was seventy-four thousand two hundred and eight.... 74,208
Of which Hugh O'Brien received twelve thousand one hundred and forty-nine.... 12,149
Of which Bryan Reilly received ten thousand four hundred and eighty-seven.... 10,487
Of which Cornelius Flynn received ten thousand and eleven.... 10,011
Of which John Stacom received nine thousand three hundred and sixty.... 9,360
Of which James Long received eight thousand and twenty-six.... 8,026
Of which Michael Carroll received four thousand nine hundred and twenty-two... 4,922
Of which James Cherry received four thousand and ninety-one.... 4,091
Of which Hugh A. Rielly received four thousand and twenty-two.... 4,022
Of which Thomas Marron received three thousand six hundred and eighty-eight... 3,688
Of which Michael Crance received three thousand and forty-nine.... 3,049
Of which Charles H. Patrick received one thousand four hundred and eighty-six.... 1,486
Of which John A. O'Brien received one thousand one hundred and seventy-six.... 1,176
Of which Samuel E. Beckner received four hundred and sixty-seven.... 467
Of which Joseph Ellery received four hundred and fifty-nine.... 459
Of which David Prothero received four hundred and one.... 401
Of which James McCarthy received twenty. 20
Of which Morris Welch received seventeen. 17
Of which John Miller received five.... 5
Of which Henry Bapp received four.... 4
Of which Henry Close received one.... 1
Of which H. Bell received one.... 1
Of which there were blank one hundred and sixty-nine.... 169
And of which there were scattering one hundred and ninety-seven.... 197—74,208

SECOND COUNCILMANIC (FIFTH SENATE) DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the offices of Councilmen of the Second Councilmanic (Fifth Senate) District was sixty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-five.... 67,455
Of which William Lamb received seven thousand one hundred and twenty-six.... 7,126
Of which Peter Culkin received six thousand nine hundred and three.... 6,903
Of which James E. McVenny received six thousand six hundred and ninety-five.... 6,695
Of which William Terhune received five thousand nine hundred and two.... 5,902
Of which Patrick Gibney received five thousand five hundred and ninety-three.... 5,593
Of which William F. T. Chapman received five thousand three hundred and eighty-nine.... 5,389
Of which John Adams received five thousand three hundred and fifty-six.... 5,356
Of which John M. Robertson received five thousand three hundred and seventeen.... 5,317
Of which John Flynn received five thousand two hundred and sixty-two.... 5,262
Of which Thomas Leavy received three thousand and seventy-two.... 3,072
Of which Michael Smith received two thousand five hundred and ninety-one.... 2,591
Of which Michael B. Cox received one thousand seven hundred and seventy.... 1,770
Of which Henry Oberle received one thousand four hundred and thirty-three.... 1,433
Of which John Devin received one thousand three hundred and sixty-one.... 1,361
Of which Abram E. Dater received six hundred and fifty-one.... 651
Of which R. R. Carpenter received six hundred and thirty-three.... 633
Of which Benjamin F. Okie received five hundred and ninety-three.... 593
Of which James E. Souder received five hundred and eighty-one.... 581
Of which John Van Buren received three hundred and forty-one.... 341
Of which Lewis J. Parker received two hundred and twenty-two.... 222
Of which Cornelius Becannen received one hundred and ninety-two.... 192
Of which Abraham E. Cox received eighty-three.... 83
Of which Harris Bogart received seven.... 7
Of which —— Cannon received seven.... 7
Of which Edward Costello received two.... 2
Of which H. R. Smith received one.... 1
Of which there were blank one hundred and fifty.... 150
And of which there were scattering two hundred and twenty-two.... 222—67,455

THIRD COUNCILMANIC (SIXTH SENATE) DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the offices of Councilmen of the Third Councilmanic (Sixth Senate) District was forty-eight thousand seven hundred and thirty.... 48,730
Of which Thomas F. Daly received five thousand one hundred and forty-nine.... 5,149
Of which Nicholas Segar received five thousand one hundred and one.... 5,101
Of which Anthony Hartman received four thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.... 4,978
Of which James G. Brinkman received four thousand six hundred and sixty-two.... 4,662
Of which Bernard Kenney received four thousand six hundred and twenty-seven.... 4,627
Of which John J. Kehoe received four thousand five hundred and sixty.... 4,560
Of which David Hogg received four thousand two hundred and eighty-nine.... 4,289
Of which Joseph Hazell received four thousand one hundred and forty-five.... 4,145
Of which Edward Jackman received three thousand four hundred and ninety-eight.... 3,498
Of which Matthew Davis received three thousand four hundred and thirty-five.... 3,435
Of which George Hall received one thousand five hundred and seventy-seven.... 1,577
Of which Dennis Campbell received one thousand and seventeen.... 1,017
Of which John Foster received five hundred and seventy-two.... 572
Of which James J. Carey received five hundred and thirty-five.... 535
Of which Patrick Byrnes received three hundred and eight.... 308
Of which Samuel R. Schmitt received one hundred.... 100
Of which there were blank six.... 6
And of which there were scattering one hundred and seventy-one.... 171—48,730

FOURTH COUNCILMANIC (SEVENTH SENATE) DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass that The whole number of votes given for the offices of Councilmen of the Fourth Councilmanic (Seventh Senate) District was seventy thousand four hundred and eighteen.... 70,418
Of which John S. Gilmore received five thousand two hundred and forty-seven.... 5,247
Of which John Webber received five thousand one hundred and sixty-four.... 5,164
Of which Thomas Murray received five thousand one hundred and three.... 5,103
Of which Hugh Turner received five thousand and seventy-seven.... 5,077
Of which Walter B. Roberts received five thousand and seventy.... 5,070
Of which Francis F. Reynolds received four thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.... 4,961
Of which James Reilly received four thousand nine hundred and forty-three.... 4,943
Of which James Donnelly received four thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.... 4,886
Of which Arthur B. Devein received four thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.... 4,792
Of which John Julian received four thousand six hundred and sixty-five.... 4,665
Of which John Murray received four thousand five hundred fifty-six.... 4,556
Of which George F. Haller received four thousand two hundred sixty-five.... 4,265
Of which John A. Eaton received four thousand.... 4,000
Of which John M. Sullivan received three thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.. 3,924
Of which Owen Geohegan received three thousand three hundred and ninety-eight.... 3,398
Of which Hugh Merrick received one hundred and twenty-seven.... 127
Of which Charles Donaldson received nineteen.... 19
Of which George H. Weisker received nine. 9
Of which John Reilly received three.... 3
Of which John O'Garra received three.... 3
Of which James Hannan received two.... 2
Of which William C. Higgins received two.. 2
Of which there were blank one hundred and nine.... 109
And of which there were scattering ninety-three.... 93—70,418

FIFTH COUNCILMANIC (EIGHTH SENATE) DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the offices of Councilmen of the Fifth Councilmanic (Eighth Senate) District was sixty-one thousand two hundred and eighty-three.... 61,283
Of which Henry Murray received five thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.... 5,878
Of which Francis A. Thomas received five thousand four hundred and eighty-nine.... 5,489
Of which Stephen Roberts received five thousand three hundred and fifty-eight.. 5,358
Of which John Hart received four thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.... 4,971
Of which George W. Cregier received four thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight 4,888
Of which Julius Johnson received four thousand six hundred and thirty-five.... 4,635
Of which Henry C. Perley received four thousand five hundred and fifty-six.... 4,556
Of which Andrew Spence received four thousand three hundred and sixty-one.... 4,361
Of which John F. Ulrich received four thousand two hundred and ninety.... 4,290
Of which John D. Crimmins received four thousand and ten.... 4,010
Of which John W. Bennett received three thousand nine hundred and five.... 3,905
Of which Milnor Imlay received two thousand four hundred and forty-nine.... 2,449
Of which Patrick H. Kearney received two thousand and four.... 2,004
Of which Thomas Nolan received one thousand six hundred and seven.... 1,607
Of which Thomas Maloney received one thousand three hundred and ninety-two.. 1,392
Of which James G. Coffey received one thousand three hundred and thirty-six.... 1,336
Of which there were blank one hundred and sixteen.... 116
And of which there were scattering thirty-eight.... 38 — 61,283

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

FIRST SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the First School District was thirteen thousand and twenty-two.... 13,022
Of which Owen Healey received five thousand two hundred and seventy-six.... 5,276
Of which Thomas Bogan received four thousand one hundred and forty-seven.... 4,147
Of which Smith Bloomfield received three thousand five hundred and eight.... 3,508
Of which there were blank twenty.... 20
And of which there were scattering seventy-one.... 71—13,022

SECOND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Second School District was nine thousand five hundred and fifty-two.... 9,552
Of which Otto H. Coop received four thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.... 4,798
Of which Phillip F. Smith received four thousand six hundred and eighty-six.... 4,686
Of which there were Blank eleven.... 11
And of which there were Scattering fifty-seven.... 57 —9,552

THIRD SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Third School District was eight thousand two hundred and forty-six.... 8,246
Of which Benjamin B. Merrill received four thousand one hundred and fifty-six.... 4,156
Of which Jacob C. Bogert received four thousand.... 4,000
Of which there were blank eleven.... 11
And of which there were scattering seventy-nine.... 79— 8,246

FOURTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Fourth School District was nine thousand two hundred and twenty-nine.... 9,229
Of which Samuel P. Patterson received five thousand two hundred and fifteen.... 5,215
Of which James McGovern received three thousand nine hundred and eighty-three. 3,983
Of which Robert Barry received one.... 1
Of which there were blank ten.... 10
And of which there were scattering twenty. 20— 9,229

FIFTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Fifth School District was six thousand one hundred and nineteen.... 6,119
Of which William H. Neilson received three thousand six hundred and eleven.... 3,611
Of which Otis D. Swan received two thousand four hundred and twenty.... 2,420
Of which Richard Schell received two.... 2
Of which there were blank thirteen.... 13
And of which there were scattering seventy-three.... 73— 6,119

SIXTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Sixth School District was ten thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.... 10,748
Of which Peter H. Jackson received six thousand six hundred and seventeen.... 6,617
Of which James Underhill received four thousand one hundred and two.... 4,102
Of which there were blank seventeen.... 17
And of which there were scattering twelve. 12—10,748

SEVENTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Seventh School District was twelve thousand seven hundred and eighty.... 12,780
Of which Richard L. Larremore received eight thousand and fifty-two.... 8,052
Of which Joel W. Mason received four thousand six hundred and sixty-seven.... 4,667
Of which there were blank thirty-nine.... 39
And of which there were scattering twenty-two.... 22—12,780

FOR TRUSTEES OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

FIRST WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the First Ward, for full term, was one thousand and seven hundred.... 1,700
Of which John C. Bailey received one thousand four hundred and twenty-eight.... 1,428
Of which Thomas Roche received two hundred and fifty.... 250
And of which there were scattering twenty-two.... 22— 1,700

FIRST WARD.

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the First Ward, to fill vacancy, was one thousand seven hundred and two. 1,702
Of which David Fox received one thousand four hundred and twenty-seven.... 1,427
Of which John J. Gillen received two hundred and forty-six.... 246
Of which there were blank two.... 2
And of which there were scattering twenty-seven.... 27— 1,702

SECOND WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Second Ward was one hundred and ninety-two.... 192
Of which William K. Edgerton received one hundred and seventy-six.... 176
Of which there were blank five.... 5
And of which there were scattering eleven. 11— 192

THIRD WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Third Ward was four hundred and twenty-eight.... 428
Of which Horatio Howarth received two hundred and twelve.... 212
Of which John A. Currier received two hundred and three.... 203
And of which there were scattering.... 13— 428

FOURTH WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fourth Ward, for full term, was two thousand one hundred and fifty-five.... 2,155
Of which Edward Sweeny received one thousand and seventy-eight.... 1,078
Of which Jeremiah Driscoll received one thousand and sixty-five.... 1,065
And of which there were blank.... 12 —2,155

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fourth Ward, to fill vacancy, was two thousand and eighty-one.. 2,081
Of which Thomas Driscoll received one thousand and fifty-six.... 1,056
Of which William Conway received one thousand.... 1,000
Of which there were blank eleven.... 11
Of which there were scattering fourteen.... 14 —2,081

FIFTH WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fifth Ward, for full term, was two thousand one hundred and thirty-five.... 2,135
Of which Zimri West received one thousand two hundred and seventy-six.... 1,276
Of which James Healy received eight hundred and fifty-five.... 855
And of which there were blank four.... 4— 2,135

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fifth Ward, to fill vacancy, was two thousand one hundred and nine.... 2,109
Of which William H. Johnston received one thousand two hundred and seventy-eight. 1,278
Of which Patrick J. Carty received eight hundred and twenty-three.... 823
And of which there were blank eight.... 8— 2,109

SIXTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Sixth Ward was two thousand two hundred and sixty-three.... 2,263
Of which James Campbell received two thousand two hundred and forty-nine.... 2,249
Of which there were blank four.... 4
And of which there were scattering ten.... 10—2,263

SEVENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Seventh Ward was three thousand three hundred and eighty-six.... 3,386
Of which Thomas Shiels received one thousand five hundred and thirty.... 1,530
Of which Jeremiah H. Creed received one thousand and seventy-five.... 1,075
Of which Richard O'Grady received five hundred and eighty-nine.... 589
Of which Edwin T. Keene received one hundred and seventy-eight.... 178
Of which Charles B. Jarboe received one.... 1
Of which George Babcock received one.... 1
And of which there were scattering twelve. 12— 3,386

EIGHTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Eighth Ward was three thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.... 3,997
Of which David Walker received two thousand six hundred and sixty-three.... 2,663
Of which Francis Fleet received six hundred and ninety.... 690
Of which Frederick A. Seymour received six hundred and twenty-three.... 623
And of which there were scattering twenty-one.... 21— 3,997

NINTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Ninth Ward was four thousand five hundred and twenty-eight.... 4,528
Of which James Harrison received two thousand three hundred and twenty.... 2,320
Of which Robert D. Holmes received two thousand one hundred and twenty-seven.. 2,127
Of which there were blank four.... 4
And of which there were scattering seventy-seven.... 77— 4,528

TENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Tenth Ward was two thousand and thirty-four.... 2,034
Of which William McCaffil received one thousand two hundred and thirty-one.... 1,231
Of which John P. Joralemon received seven hundred and eighty-eight.... 788
Of which there were blank ten.... 10
And of which there were scattering five.... 5— 2,034

ELEVENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Eleventh Ward was three thousand nine hundred and forty-six.... 3,946
Of which Theodore Tooker received two thousand five hundred and thirty-three.. 2,533
Of which Cyrus Schoonmaker received one thousand three hundred and thirty-two.. 1,332
Of which Richard G. Hunt received two.... 2
Of which there were blank seventeen.... 17
And of which there were scattering sixty-two.... 62— 3,946

TWELFTH WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, for full term, was three thousand three hundred and seven.... 3,307
Of which Charles Place received two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven.... 2,467
Of which Joseph Wheatley received eight hundred and thirty-one.... 831
Of which there were blank five.... 5
And of which there were scattering four.... 4— 3,307

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, to fill vacancy, was three thousand three hundred and fifteen.... 3,315
Of which Lawson N. Fuller received one thousand three hundred and four.... 1,304
Of which Patrick Donegan received one thousand one hundred and ten.... 1,110
Of which Benjamin Moore received eight hundred and eighty-seven.... 887
Of which there were blank six.... 6
And of which there were scattering eight.. 8— 3,315

THIRTEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Thirteenth Ward was two thousand and eleven.... 2,011
Of which Frederick Holstein received eight hundred and thirty-three.... 833
Of which Isaac L. Chadwick received seven hundred and twenty-five.... 725
Of which James G. Laroe received two hundred and fifty-three.... 253
Of which Richard Gerry received one hundred and seventy-four.... 174
Of which there were blank nine.... 9
And of which there were scattering seventeen.... 17 —2,011

FOURTEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fourteenth Ward was two thousand one hundred and eighty-one.... 2,181
Of which Patrick Brennan received one thousand seven hundred and forty-five.... 1,745
Of which Paul Gantert received three hundred and thirty-five.... 335
Of which Thomas Keegan received eighty.. 80
Of which there were Blank nine.... 9
And of which there were scattering twelve.... 12— 2,181

FIFTEENTH WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fifteenth Ward, for full term, was one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.... 1,958
Of which James D. Oliver received nine hundred and forty-nine.... 949
Of which William M. Allen received nine hundred and forty-seven.... 947
Of which there were blank six.... 6
And of which there were scattering fifty-six.... 56— 1,958

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Fifteenth Ward, to fill vacancy, was fifteen.... 15
Of which John H. Russell received fifteen.. 15— 15

SIXTEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Sixteenth Ward was three thousand six hundred and ninety-four.... 3,694
Of which Henry V. Mead received one thousand eight hundred.... 1,800
Of which Samuel S. Constant received one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three 1,733
Of which Patrick Smith received one hundred and fifty.... 150
Of which there were blank two.... 2
And of which there were scattering nine... 9— 3,694

SEVENTEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Seventeenth Ward was five thousand two hundred and thirteen.... 5,213
Of which William Fisher received two thousand nine hundred and thirty.... 2,930
Of which Cornelius Burns received two thousand two hundred and five.... 2,205
Of which there were blank nine.... 9
And of which there were scattering sixty-nine.... 69— 5,213

EIGHTEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the eighteenth Ward was four thousand one hundred and seventy-six.... 4,176
Of which John N. Hayward received two thousand three hundred and fifty-two.... 2,352
Of which Michael Ryan received one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight.... 1,768
Of which Samuel B. Ruggles received forty-six.... 46
Of which there were blank six.... 6
And of which there were scattering four.... 4— 4,176

NINETEENTH WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Nineteenth Ward was four thousand and seven.... 4,007
Of which Thomas McManus received one thousand eight hundred and eight.... 1,808
Of which D. Webster Lee received one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.. 1,782
Of which John Eagan received three hundred and sixty.... 360
Of which there were blank twenty-four.... 24
And of which there were scattering.... 33— 4,007

TWENTIETH WARD.

For Full Term.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twentieth Ward, for full term, was six thousand two hundred and forty-five.... 6,245
Of which Peter Trainor received four thousand and ninety-three.... 4,093
Of which John F. Williams received two thousand one hundred and thirty-four.... 2,134
Of which there were blank ten.... 10
And of which there were scattering eight.. 8— 6,245

To Fill Vacancy.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twentieth Ward, to fill vacancy, was six thousand two hundred and thirty-four.... 6,234
Of which Frederick Schuetz received two thousand one hundred and sixty-four.... 2,164
Of which Bernard B. Quinn received two thousand one hundred and twenty-eight.. 2,128
Of which Charles E. Hatch received one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.. 1,925
Of which there were blank thirteen.... 13
And of which there were scattering four.... 4— 6,234

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twenty-first Ward was four thousand four hundred and sixty-five.... 4,465
Of which Michael Gehegan received two thousand three hundred.... 2,300
Of which Benjamin B. Atterbury received two thousand one hundred and twenty-nine.... 2,129
Of which there were blank ten.... 10
And of which there were scattering twenty-six.... 26— 4,465

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.

That it appears on such estimate and canvass, that The whole number of votes given for the office of Trustee of Common Schools for the Twenty-second Ward was five thousand four hundred and forty-five.... 5,445
Of which Terence Riley received two thousand one hundred and twenty-one.... 2,121
Of which Joseph Cudlipp received one thousand seven hundred and eighty.... 1,780
Of which Frederick H. Flagge received one thousand four hundred and forty-five.... 1,445
Of which David Clark received sixty.... 60
Of which there were blank twenty-four.... 24
And of which there were scattering five.... 5— 5,445

DECLARATION.

THE BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS OF THE City of New-York, having canvassed and estimated the votes given in the several Election Districts of said City, at the Election held on the 4th day of December, 1866, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, DETERMINE AND DECLARE:

COMPTROLLER.

That Richard B. Connolly, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Comptroller of the City of New-York.

ALDERMEN.

That John Moore, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the First Aldermanic District.

That Michael Norton, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Third Aldermanic District.

That Eugene Ward, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Fifth Aldermanic District.

That William B. White, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Seventh Aldermanic District.

That Don Alonzo Cushman, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Ninth Aldermanic District.

That John Hardy, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Eleventh Aldermanic District.

That James E. Coulter, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Thirteenth Aldermanic District.

That James O'Brien, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Fifteenth Aldermanic District.

That John McQuade, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman of the Seventeenth Aldermanic District.

COUNCILMEN.

That Hugh O'Brien, Cornelius Flynn, Bryan Reilly, John Stacom and James Long by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen of the First Councilmanic (Fourth Senate) District.

That William Lamb, James E. McVeany, Peter Culkin, William Terhune and Patrick Gibney, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen of the Second Councilmanic (Fifth Senate) District.

That Thomas F. Daly, Anthony Hartman, Nicholas Segar, James G. Brinkman and Bernard Kenney, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen of the Third Councilmanic (Sixth Senate) District.

That John S. Gilmore, Thomas Murray, John Webber, Hugh Turner and Walter B. Roberts, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen of the Fourth Councilmanic (Seventh Senate) District.

That Henry Murray, Stephen Roberts, Francis A. Thomas, John Hart and George W. Cregier, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen of the Fifth Councilmanic (Eighth Senate) District.

COMMISSIONERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

That Owen Healy, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the First School District.

That Otto H. Coop, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Second School District.

That Benjamin B. Merrill, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Third School District.

That Samuel P. Patterson, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Fourth School District.

That William H. Neilson, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Fifth School District.

That Peter H. Jackson, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Sixth School District.

That Richard L. Larremore, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Commissioner of Common Schools of the Seventh School District.

TRUSTEES OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

That John C. Bailey, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the First Ward, for full term.

That David Fox, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the First Ward, to fill vacancy.

That William K. Edgerton, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Second Ward.

That Horatio Howarth, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Third Ward.

That Edward Sweeny, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fourth Ward, for full term.

That Thomas Driscoll, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fourth Ward, to fill vacancy.

That Zimri West, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fifth Ward, for full term.

That William H. Johnston, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fifth Ward, to fill vacancy.

That James Campbell, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Sixth Ward.

That Thomas Shiels, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Seventh Ward.

That David Walker, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Eighth Ward.

That James Harrison, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Ninth Ward.

That William McCaffil, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Tenth Ward.

That Theodore Tooker, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Eleventh Ward.

That Charles Place, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twelfth Ward, for full term.

That Lawson N. Fuller, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twelfth Ward, to fill vacancy.

That Frederick Holstein, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Thirteenth Ward.

That Patrick Brennan, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fourteenth Ward.

That James D. Oliver, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fifteenth Ward, for full term.

That John H. Russell, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Fifteenth Ward, to fill vacancy.

That Henry V. Meade, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Sixteenth Ward.

That William Fisher, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Seventeenth Ward.

That John N. Hayward, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Eighteenth Ward.

That Thomas McManus, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Nineteenth Ward.

That Peter Trainor, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twentieth Ward, for full term.

That Frederick Schuetz, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twentieth Ward, to fill vacancy.

That Michael Gehegan, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twenty-first Ward.

That Terence Reilley, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Trustee of Common Schools of the Twenty-second Ward.

We hereby certify the foregoing statement and declaration to be correct, and have caused the same to be attested by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of City Canvassers, the 17th day of December, 1866.

IGNATIUS FLYNN, Chairman.

D. T. VALENTINE, Secretary.

[OFFICIAL.]

THE CITY CANVASS.

IN BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS, Dec. 15, 1866.

Present—Alderman Flynn, Chairman, and Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Loew, Brice, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—16.

Alderman Ely, from the Committee on Protests, presented the following report:

The Committee on Protests appointed by the Board of City Canvassers to consider the protest of Michael Connolly against receiving or counting any votes for the office of Comptroller of the City of New-York, given on ballots indorsed "*For Comptroller of the City of New-York*," or of any ballots not indorsed "*City and County—Number 6*," &c., and to whom was referred; also, the several protests received, as presented to the Board by parties interested, during the progress of the canvass, respectfully

REPORT.

That, in accordance with the public announcement of the Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers, made on Monday, December 10, 1866, the Committee assembled in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen on Wednesday, December 12, at 3 P. M.

The protest of Michael Connelly was the first in order, and upon being read, and no person appearing for or on behalf of the protestant, no action was deemed to be taken by your Committee.

The protest of M. Connelly is hereto annexed, and marked (A.)

The protests of John Flynn, marked (B) and (C,) and of Patrick Gibney, John J. Kehoe, Terrence Duffy and P. F. Smith, marked respectively (D,) (E,) (F) and (G,) were read, and as no person appeared in behalf of the protestants, except Duffy and Smith, and as no evidence of fraud was presented in either case to substantiate the allegations of the protestants, at this time, no action was or could be legally taken by your Committee.

The protest of Eugene Ward against the reception of the return from the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward, with the certificate from the keeper of the Election Records in the office of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and the preamble and resolution offered by Canvasser Varnum, and marked respectively (H,) (I) and (J.) The alleged fraud, appearing in the paper marked (I,) was then read, and by an arrangement between the parties interested, the further investigation of the case was deferred until 12 M. on Thursday, December 13, 1866, to which time the Committee adjourned.

Your Committee, pursuant to adjournment, met in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, December 13, at 12 M., and immediately entered upon an investigation of the subject contained in the protest of Eugene Ward. The annexed papers marked (K) and (L) were referred to the Committee by the Board, at its meeting A. M. December 13.

Before giving the result of the investigation made by your Committee, it may be well to state that the determination of the question involved the election of two persons—one to each branch of the Common Council. This was understood by the Committee, and consequently they undertook the task of pursuing the examination, determined that, if in their power to effect it, the most exact justice should be done all parties interested, and that if fraud had been perpetrated, as alleged, they would do all in their power to expose it, and prevent its consummation.

The two principal parties interested, Eugene Ward and Theodore Allen, both candidates for Aldermen in the contested district, at the late Charter election, appeared by counsel, and the investigation was commenced by calling Charles S. Thompson, one of the canvassers of election in the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, to witnesses' stand, and who testified substantially as follows, having first been sworn by Mr. Ely, Chairman:

I was one of the canvassers of the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward. (Shown the return filed with the Clerk of the Common Council.) Never signed the return shown as in its present shape; the return is incorrect; Allen's vote was three hundred and forty (340); Ward's one hundred and seven (107); made three returns; signed them in the poll-room on the night of the election, between the hours of six and twelve; Mr. Dunn, one of the poll clerks, filled out two of the returns, and Brown, the other clerk, made one; I did not see the clerks make up the returns: cannot tell which return I signed first; did not compare the returns; cannot tell if the returns were signed in blank or not; saw the police returns since the election; did not see the other returns since that time; I was summoned or requested to go to the Police Headquarters, and examined the vote of Allen and Ward; kept a tally or memoranda of the votes cast for Comptroller, Alderman and School Trustee; saw the tally kept by myself compared with the returns at the Police Headquarters; cannot tell if Mr. Acton compared them; cannot swear that the Aldermanic sheet here shown was not in the return when I signed it.

August Schmidt sworn: I was one of the canvassers in the Seventh District, Eighth Ward. [Shown the return filed with the clerk of the Common Council.] That is my signature affixed to this return; recollect the vote given for Alderman in that district; Allen received three hundred and forty, (340) votes; Ward received one hundred and seven (107) votes; three returns were made and signed at the same sitting in the polling place; I counted the votes and signed the returns; Canvasser Thompson signed two of the returns before I signed them; I was under the impression that all the returns were filled out before signing; I am sure two of them were filled out; I examined two of the returns; did not examine the third; cannot say that the sheet shown (the Aldermanic sheet) was in the return that I signed.

By Canvasser Ely—Thompson was Chairman of the Canvassers; the Poll Clerks were directed to deliver the returns; recollect the vote given for Alderman by a tally kept by Thompson; cannot tell the vote given for Comptroller without reference to my private tally.

Thompson did not tell me the vote given for Alderman; recollect by memoranda at Police Headquarters; had conversation with the Police Clerks in relation to that vote.

D. B. Hasbrouck sworn, says: I am keeper of election records at Police Headquarters; (produces a return;) this is the return received of the vote of the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward; (exhibits a tally sheet;) this is the poll clerk's tally of that district; tally not allowed by the Committee; produced a preliminary return of the Aldermanic vote received at the completion of the canvass of the Aldermanic box on the night of the election—not allowed; the full return was received at the Police Headquarters on the morning after the election; cannot tell who returned it; opened the returns after the inquiry in relation to the vote for Alderman commenced; the returns are kept sealed, and never opened unless a question as to their correctness arises.

Master Charles M. Brown, sworn: I was one of the poll clerks of the election held on December 4, in the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward; I am eighteen years old; I was appointed by the Police Commissioners; discharged the duties to the best of my ability. (The return filed with the Clerk of the Common Council shown.) This return is my handwriting; wrote it at the poll; made one return at the poll-room, the other at home the following morning; cannot tell which return I made out in the morning; I can swear to the writing; it is mine; the figures I cannot swear to; I think the vote given was six hundred and three (603;) cannot tell the vote received by either of the candidates for Alderman: the return shown (the one filed with the Clerk of the Common Council) is correct; all three of the returns were signed by the Canvassers on the night of the election, although one of the returns was not filled out, but signed in blank. [Shown the tally filed at the Police headquarters.] This tally is my handwriting; I swear to the writing; will not swear to the figures made in pencil mark; I can imitate any figures made with pencil; this is the tally sent to the Police Department. [Compares the tally kept by the other Poll Clerk with the one kept by himself.] The tallies agree; the preliminary return of the Aldermanic vote was signed by me; cannot swear to its correctness; did not see the return of the Alderman or that filed with the Clerk of the Common Council during the Wednesday or Thursday following the election; has no data to refresh his memory other than those shown; can show no alteration in the tally; does not know if the first return figures (the preliminary returns for Alderman) were correct or not.

By Canvasser Ely—Was Poll Clerk at both elections held this year; filled out two returns; (Dunn, my associate poll clerk, passed his return to the Canvassers, which they signed; I then passed my return, and they signed it, and then passed a blank return, which the Canvassers signed; the blank return signed by the Canvassers was filled out by me at my residence the following day; I took it to the Police Headquarters; Mr. Childs was given possession of the returns, to place them in charge of the proper custodians.

D. B. Hasbrouck recalled—(Exhibits a return)—This is the return filed at the Police Headquarters; the vote agrees with the tallies of the poll clerks and their first return.

A comparison of the vote given for Alderman and Councilmen in the Seventh District, Eighth Ward, upon the returns of the Alderman from the Fifth Aldermanic District, those filed with the Clerk of the Common Council and the returns exhibited, was here had, and are as follows:

FOR ALDERMAN OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

Returns of Alderman and Clerk of the Common Council.	Returns of Police Department.
Theodore Allen received 440 votes.	Theodore Allen received 340 votes.
Eugene Ward received 77 votes.	Eugene Ward received 107 votes.
Samuel J. Montgomery received 36 votes.	Samuel J. Montgomery received 66 votes.
Isaac Robinson received 20 votes.	Isaac Robinson received 40 votes.
Robert Harrison received 17 votes.	Robert Harrison received 37 votes.
Scattering—13 votes.	Scattering—13 votes.
FOR COUNCILMEN.	
W. F. T. Chapman received 385 votes.	W. F. T. Chapman received 315 votes.
John Adams received 103 votes.	John Adams received 173 votes.

The case of Patrick Gibney, who also protests against the reception of the returns from the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward as canvassed, was taken up, and as it appears that by taking from W. F. T. Chapman seventy votes (70,) added to his vote, on the alleged fraudulent return, and giving them to John Adams, from whom they appear, by the Police returns and the tellers of the Polls clerks of the said district to have been taken, elects the said Chapman instead of Patrick Gibney by a plurality of four votes. The following evidence was elicited on the examination of Canvasser Charles F. Thompson;

Charles F. Thompson, Canvasser of the said District, called and sworn, says: Cannot swear to the correctness of either the return of the Clerk of the Common Council or that filed with the Police Commissioners; did not compare the returns with the tallies; relied on the Poll Clerks: cannot tell whether Chapman for Councilman received three hundred and fifteen (315) or three hundred and eighty-five (385) votes, or Adams one hundred and three (103) or one hundred and seventy-three (173).

The protest of John Flynn was again taken up, the District Canvassers examined, but no evidences of fraud appearing, no action was taken by the Committee.

Your Committee, in analyzing the foregoing evidence of the canvassers and poll clerk of the district in dispute, are irresistibly forced to the conclusion that they were not the "right men in the right places." In fact, it appears conclusively that the boy Brown was canvasser, poll clerk, messenger and so forth, all at one and the same time. Here we have it from the canvassers in person that they signed the returns, without comparing them with the tallies or with each other; that they did not know what they contained, and that one of such returns was actually signed in blank, and was not filled out or completed until the morning after the election, and then at the house of the poll clerk Brown, (with his brothers and sisters as witnesses or canvassers,) and the return so made out is the one now submitted as being correct by the Police Commissioners. If this one case is a fair sample of the manner in which the canvassers and clerks appointed by the Police Commissioners perform their duties, (and who knows to the contrary?) then the sooner some other means are devised for choosing this class of officers the better. The appointment of the lad Brown, and doubtless others like him, to act in the responsible capacity of clerk to the district canvassers, is clearly a violation of law, and is certainly very much to be deprecated. He is a mere boy, but eighteen years of age, consequently not a citizen, yet be is intrusted with the performance of duties at once onerous, difficult and of the first importance to the citizens of the district—duties that were rendered doubly so by the carelessness or incompetence, to give it no harsher name, of the persons appointed to perform the duties of canvassers. And in this connection a grave question has arisen in the minds of your Committee: Can the boy, not being a citizen, be held responsible for error or fraud, in the performance of a duty that should have been performed only by a citizen of the State? If not, then the odium of the entire transaction should rest upon those by whom he was appointed. Such appointments display great culpability on the part of the appointing power, as it must be clear to them that it is expecting too much of mere youth to withstand the temptations or resist the inducements held out in many cases to commit or to lend themselves to the commission of just such frauds as this investigation discloses.

Another evidence of the incapacity of the canvassers, is the fact that they are totally oblivious to all relating to the vote for Councilmen. They remember distinctly that Eugene Ward received one hundred and seven (107) votes for Aldermen, and Theodore Allen three hundred and forty (340) for the same office, but are, or profess to be unable to state whether Mr. Chapman received three hundred and eighty-five (385) or three hundred and fifteen (315) votes, and Mr. Adams one hundred and three (103) or one hundred and seventy-three (173) votes, for the office of Councilman. Canvasser Thompson testifies that two pages of the returns were not signed by him, as they appear in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council, one of which contains the vote for Alderman, and the other the vote for Chapman and Adams for Councilmen, and while he testifies to the incorrectness of one, cannot say as to the other; or in other words, he can testify to a fraud that elects a Democratic Alderman, while another fraud, equally glaring, which elects a Republican Councilman, fails to attract his attention in the slightest degree. The same may also be said of his associate, Schmitz.

In the opinion of your Committee the Board of Canvassers have no legal right to go behind the returns, as presented to the Aldermen of the District and the Clerk of the Common Council, as required by law, provided those returns agree, and the local Canvassers of the District do not appear and testify as to the incorrectness of the return, or a change having been made therein since they left their hands, "except in cases where evidence is produced to the Board to show that the return at the office of the Police Commissioners differs from those filed with the Aldermen and City Clerk; and in that case the return so filed with the Police Commissioners can be used by the Board of Canvassers to aid in the detection of any fraud or the correction of any mistake; but the Board of Canvassers cannot act directly on the copy of returns in the hands of the Police Commissioners, and are required to act upon the original statements of the canvass produced before themselves, and not use the copy delivered to the Police Commissioners as the basis of their own estimate." In this case both Canvassers of the District swear positively that the returns left with the Alderman and the Clerk of the Common Council have been changed or altered. The further evidence of the return and tallies filed by the Police Commissioners was permitted by your Committee merely to substantiate the fact that a fraud had been committed, and that evidence went to prove conclusively to the minds of your Committee that a fraud had been committed in the charter ticket. Your Committee cannot admit the propriety of allowing the local Canvassers to correct the returns at this late day, using only outside evidence, and not even their own memoranda that should have been made by them on election night, to aid and assist them in making correct returns, and for another reason that such permission would establish a precedent at once dangerous, and which might be used at a future time for the election of any person having the interest with him of any two canvassers in a district where the vote of that district might elect.

So also in respect to the poll-clerk. His evidence could only be used to establish the fact that a fraud had been perpetrated upon the electors of the district.

This being the case, it would be clearly wrong on the part of your Committee to recommend any other course than the rejection, by the Board, of the entire vote of that district for Aldermen and Councilmen. The Board cannot admit that the return filed with the Police Commissioners is a proper one to be received as legal. It can be used only as evidence and to prove the commission of fraud, as charged. The same may be said also of the tallies and other papers filed with the Police Commissioners by the local canvassers. No other course is, in the opinion of your Committee, admissible, particularly as the assertions of the district canvassers as to the correctness of the return filed with the Police Commissioners, is offset by the statement of poll-clerk Brown, showing such grave informalities in making up that return.

Your Committee have, therefore, concluded to recommend that the votes as returned to the Board and counted for the offices of Aldermen and Councilmen in the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward be rejected, and that the remainder of the return, being the votes cast for Comptroller and school officers, be allowed and counted, as there is no evidence to show, nor is it charged, that fraud was attempted in counting the votes for the last-named officers.

Your Committee are also clearly of opinion that the Grand Jury of the County should immediately, or when next impanneled, take cognizance of this attempt at fraud in the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward; that a strict investigation should be had, with a view of punishing the guilty parties, particularly the two canvassers, for their grave dereliction of duty, as it is clearly evident that had they complied with the law in the strict performance of their duty, no such frauds could have been attempted, and in order to deter others from attempting such sacrilegious interferences with the rights of our citizens; and as it is only in the province of the Board to make such a recommendation, it having no power to proceed further than to ascertain if a fraud has been perpetrated, a resolution having that object in view is herewith also submitted.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully submit for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the votes cast for the offices of Aldermen and Councilmen in the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward, at the election for Charter Officers, held Dec. 4, 1866, in consequence of the commission of fraud in making up the returns from that District, be and hereby are rejected by the Board of City Canvassers.

Resolved, That the District-Attorney be, and he is hereby requested to lay before the next Grand Jury for the County the facts elicited in this investigation, particularly with reference to the district canvassers and poll clerks, in order to further the ends of justice, by bringing to punishment commensurate with the offence, all the parties that participated in the fraud attempted to be perpetrated upon the electors of the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, in respect to the office of Alderman, and of the electors of the Fifth Senate District, in respect to the office of councilman.

WM. L. ELY,
THOMAS COMAN,
B. REILLY,
JOHN MOORE,
JAMES O'BRIEN,
Special Committee.

APPENDICES.

(A.)

NEW-YORK, December 6, 1866.

The Board of City Canvassers of the City of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: Please take notice that I protest against the counting of any ballots for the office of Comptroller of the City of New-York indorsed with the words "For Comptroller of the City of New-York," or of any ballots not indorsed with the words "City and County, Number Six," and demand that you keep a record of the indorsement of the ballots counted.

Yours, very respectfully,
MICHAEL CONNOLLY.

(B.)

NEW-YORK, December, 10, 1866.

Alderman Ignatius Flynn, Chairman Board of City Canvassers:

ALDERMEN: I have the honor to respectfully protest against the canvass for Councilman of the Sixth District of the Eighth Ward, on account of an error and mistake in the canvass for Councilman.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN FLYNN.

(C.)

To the Honorable Board of Canvassers:

GENTLEMEN: I most respectfully protest against the canvassing of the Councilmanic votes in the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward, as the same is irregular and evidently wrong, in accordance with the vote announced on the evening of election.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN FLYNN.

(D.)

To the Honorable Board of Canvassers:

GENTLEMEN: I most respectfully protest against the canvassing of the Councilmanic votes in the Seventh Election District of the Eighth Ward, as there is evidently an error in the votes, according to the returns as compared with those announced on the evening of election.

Respectfully yours,
PATRICK GIBNEY.

(E.)

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

To the Board of City Canvassers of the City of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: I hereby protest against the reception of the returns for Councilmen from the Fourth District of the Tenth Ward, on the ground of the same being incorrect—the lights having been put out during the canvass.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN J. KEHOE.

(F.)

IN RE.—THE THE PROTEST OF TERENCE DUFFY.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, sitting as a Board of City Canvassers:

The undersigned respectfully shows to your honorable Board, that at the recent charter election he was a candidate for Alderman in the Third Aldermanic District in the City of New-York; that said Aldermanic District comprises one Election District in the Third Ward, the entire Fifth Ward, and the first five Election Districts in the Eighth Ward; that stupendous frauds were perpetrated against the undersigned in the said five Election Districts of the Eighth Ward; that the opponents of the undersigned were Michael Norton and John Contrell; that nearly one thousand illegal and fraudulent votes were polled for Michael Norton in the First, Second, and Fifth Districts of the Eighth Ward; that persons residing out the District were repeatedly allowed to vote for said Norton; that according to the return of the canvassers the undersigned received only four votes in said Fifth Election District of the Eighth Ward; that the undersigned really received nearly one hundred and fifty votes in said district; that the canvassers in the Second Election District of the Eighth Ward counted only thirty-nine votes for Terence Duffy; that he really received nearly two hundred and fifty votes in said District; that in the First District of the Eighth Ward the canvassers gave only twenty-four votes to the undersigned, and he really received more than one hundred votes in said district. For these reasons your contestant prays that the vote in said First, Second and Fifth Election Districts in the Eighth Ward be thrown out and not counted for said Michael Norton. Your contestant prays that a Committee be appointed by your Honorable Board to investigate the truth or falsity of the matters above-mentioned, and to receive evidence in support of the allegations above-mentioned and made; and for such other and further reliefs as may be just and equitable; and the undersigned prays that the certificate of election as Alderman of the Third Aldermanic District, in the City of New-York, be awarded to him, and not to said Michael Norton.

TERENCE DUFFY.

GEORGE M. CURTIS, of Counsel.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1866.

(G.)

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1866.

To the Board of City Canvassers of the City of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: At the last Charter election held in the City of New-York, on the 4th day of December, 1866, I was a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for the Second School District of said City, comprising the Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards.

By the original tally, or memorandum, of the votes made by the Poll Clerks of the Tenth Election District of the Seventh Ward, it appears that the Poll Clerks of the said District have either erroneously or otherwise committed a grave error or have perpetrated a great fraud on me, in not counting the votes polled for School Commissioner in said District correctly, as said original tally, now on file in the Bureau of Elections of the Metropolitan Police Department, conclusively shows, and of which the following is a true *fac-simile:*

For School Commissioner:
For Otto H. Coop, V, V, III. and 1, 2, 3, 3, 8, and 1, 2, 4, 1—281.

The votes alleged to have been polled for said Otto H. Coop, if correctly counted, will only foot up as follows:

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and not "281" as erroneously stated in the return of the canvassers for said district.

I therefore protest against the counting of "281" votes in favor of Otto H. Coop, my opponent for the office of Commissioner of Common Schools of the Second School District, and demand that you will have the election returns of that district carefully examined into, and the errors committed by said canvassers properly corrected.

Yours, very respectfully,
PHILIP F. SMITH.

City and County of New-York, ss.: Philip F. Smith, residing at No. 145 Allen-street, in said City, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing statement, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge.

PHILIP F. SMITH.

Sworn before me this 8th day of December, 1866.
SAMUEL T. WEBSTER.
Notary Public, City of New-York.

(H.)

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

To the Board of City Canvassers:

I hereby protest against the reception of the returns from the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, for the reason that said return is not correct and true.

Yours, EUGENE WARD.

(I.)

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, NO. 200 MULBERRY-STREET, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

I hereby certify that the returns of the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, on file at this office, and signed by Charles F. Thompson and August Schmidt, Canvassers, are as follows:

Whole number of votes for Alderman was	603
Of which Eugene Ward received	107
Of which Theodore Allen received	340
Of which Samuel J. Montgomery received	66
Of which Isaac Robinson received	40
Of which Robert Harrison received	37
Scattering	13

I do further certify that the original tallies of both the Poll Clerks of said District, also on file at this office, agree with the above statement in so far as the vote given for the two leading candidates, viz:

Eugene Ward.... 107 votes.
Theodore Allen.... 340 votes.

D. B. HASBROUCK,
Keeper of Election Records.

(J.)

By City Canvasser Varnum—

Whereas, The law of the State, of which this Board is bound to take notice, requires that in addition to the returns heretofore required, a return shall be made to the Police Commissioners; and

Whereas, It appears by a certified copy of the return made to said Commissioners for the Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, that a discrepancy exists between the votes for Aldermen as reported there and as reported here;

Resolved, That the Committee on Protests be instructed to summon the Keeper of Election Records of the Police Commissioners to appear before them with said records, so far as the same relate to said Seventh District of the Eighth Ward, and report the cause of such discrepancy and what correction, if any, is proper to be made on the returns before this Board.

(K.)

To the Board of Aldermen, acting as City Canvassers:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the following affidavit of Patrick Lynch as to gross frauds and irregularities in the Twelfth Election District of the Eighth Ward, and hereby protest against the admission of said District as far as the vote of said District in the returns as made by the Canvassers relate to the vote for Aldermen in said District.

THEODORE ALLEN.

(L.)

City and County of New-York, ss.: Patrick Lynch, of said City and County, being duly sworn, says, that he resides at No. 109 King-street, in the Eighth Ward of the City of New-York; that on the evening of the 4th day of December, A. D., 1866, he was present at the poll of the Twelfth Election District of the Eighth Ward, which was holden in the store corner of King and Hudson streets.

And deponent further says that he was present during the time said votes for Alderman of the Fifth Aldermanic District were canvassed. And deponent further says that the Canvassers of said Election District abstracted twenty-six ballots from among those which had been taken from the box; and that, according to his best knowledge and belief, these were ballots headed with the name of Theodore Allen for Alderman.

And deponent further says that one of said ballots bore upon it the name of Theodore Allen, and one the name of Samuel J. Montgomery, for Alderman of the Fifth Aldermanic District.

And deponent further says that he has every reason, and does verily believe, that said ballots which were placed in said box were placed therein fraudulently, and with the intent of wrongfully defrauding Mr. Theodore Allen of votes to which he was rightfully entitled.

his
PATRICK X LYNCH.
mark.

Sworn to before me, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1866.
G. A. VALENTINE,
Notary Public.

Alderman Ely—I move that the report be received and the resolutions and recommendations be adopted.

Alderman Varnum moved a division of the question. Which was lost.

The President then put the question on the acceptance of the report and the adoption of the resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, McBrien, Flynn, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Masterson, McGinniss, Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Aldermen Norton, Loew, Varnum—3.

D. T. VALENTINE, Secretary.

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MINER & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction, at their new and spacious Fine Art Gallery, No. 82 5th-av., on THURSDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, at 7½ o'clock, Dec. 20 and 22, a large and fine collection of original modern oil paintings, imported by A. D'Huyvetter, Esq., of Antwerp, and never before exhibited in this country, among which are works of the following eminent European artists viz.:

Louis Robbe,	David Col,	L. Vankuyck.
E. Verboeckhoven,	H. Schaefels,	J. Strobel,
J. Vaarburg,	M. A. Koekkoek,	J. Crabeels.
A. Eversen,	C. Leickert,	J. J. Spohler,
T. Ruyten,	Vanden Eyken,	H. Savry,
M. Tenkate,	H. Savry,	F. Kruseman,
T. Francia,	J. Marohn,	W. Luinig,
F. Vonseben,	A. T. Verhoven Ball. Carolus,	T. Devos,

and others of celebrity. Also, from the banking-house of Bowles, Grivet & Co., of Paris, examples of

Troyon,	F. Moulinet,	W. Diaz,
T. Frere,	J. Veyrassat,	Jules Nod,
S. Melin,	P. L. Couturier,	E. Hichel,
F. Willems,	Lanfant De Metz Couder, &c.. &c.	

Also, from a private collection, the works of

Thos. Cole,	Thos. Doughty,	Geo. Moreland,
S. Anderson,	Joseph Vernet,	J. G. Mebby,

and others.

ALSO, the large and elegant painting entitled CAST ASHORE, by J. Hilverdink, presented by the Government of the Netherlands to the World's Fair in New-York, at a cost of $8,000.

The above will be open for exhibition on and after Monday, day and evening, and will be found on examination to be the finest collection offered at auction this season.

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Late salesman with E. H. Ludlow & Co.

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Also, a fine assortment of sleigh and lap robes. All goods warranted fresh and free from moths. Catalogues early on morning of sale.

T. R. MINTURN, Auctioneer.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, DEC. 18, AT 11 o'clock, within the store:
1,000 packages Malaga Raisins.
3 casks Prunes.
100 cases new crop Smyrna Figs, 2 pound drums.
35 cases new crop Smyrna Figs, cartons.
12 cases new crop Smyrna Figs, extra quality.
Figs in French fancy boxes.
5 cases Lemon Peel.
4 cases Orange Peel, just landed.
150 frails Ivica soft shell Almonds, slightly stained.
119 cases new crop Bordeaux Prunes, glass jars.
At 12 o'clock on Pier No. 4 East River:
FRESH CATANIA LEMONS.
2,700 boxes fresh Catania Lemons.
Cargo, brig *Charles and Edward* from Catania.

J. COLE, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE EXECUTOR'S SALE OF 112 VALUABLE LOTS IN FIFTH AND SIXTH AVS.—9th, 10th and 11th sts., Eighth Ward, Brooklyn, being the balance of the estate of Adriance Van Brunt, deceased, to be sold at auction on WEDNESDAY, Dec 19, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 369 Fulton-st., opposite the City Hall, Brooklyn. Maps, &c., at the office of the auctioneer, No. 369 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

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HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell by auction, on the evenings of TUESDAY, 18th, and WEDNESDAY, 19th December, at 7½ o'clock, at the above galleries, by order of M. Knoedler, (Goupil & Co., of Paris,) a large and valuable collection of OIL-PAINTINGS, most of which have just arrived from Europe. Among other celebrated artists are the following:

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Castan,	Aufray,	Coomans,	Dargelas,
Fauvelet,	Beranger,	Barron,	De Jonghe.

DUSSELDORF SCHOOL.

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and others of equal celebrity. They will be on exhibition free, as above, on and after TUESDAY, 11th inst., until the evenings of sale, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., and until 10 P. M. two evenings previous to sale.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT VESSELS AND QUARTERMASTER'S PROPERTY.

DEPOT OF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 10, 1866.

Will be sold, at public auction, at the port of Baltimore, (Fardy's Wharf, south side of Basin,) on THURSDAY, 20th inst., at 12 M., the splendid side-wheel steamer, CITY OF ALBANY, rebuilt in 1864, of —— tons; length, 200 feet; breadth of beam, 35 feet; depth of hold, 10 feet; cylinder 40 inches, and 12 feet stroke.

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By order of the Quartermaster-General.
A. S. KIMBALL,
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The seventh annual sale of the paintings will take place on FRIDAY, 21st inst., at 8 P. M., at the galleries of the National Academy of Design, 23d-st., corner of 4th-av., where the works are now on view. These works of American artists will be sold without reserve.

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The above steamers will be offered for sale at public auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Merchants' Exchange, Trinity Buildings, by JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., auctioneers.
No. 7 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DEfault has been made in the payment of the consideration moneys mentioned in a certain mortgage, dated February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, made by the North American Lloyd Steamship Company to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, the said Pacific Mail Steamship Company will by P. C. BULKLEY, Auctioneer, offer for sale at the [salesroom of the] Merchant's Exchange, at No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, at twelve o'clock noon of that day, and sell at public auction the two several steamships, or vessels, respectively called *Atlantic* and *Baltic*—the said steamship *Atlantic* being of the burden of 2,667 98-100 tons, and the said steamship *Baltic* being of the burden of 2,644 44-100 tons, together with all and singular their respective masts, bowsprits, sails, boats, anchors, cables and all other necessaries thereunto appertaining and belonging.

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CLARKSON N. POTTER, of counsel, Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.—NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1866.

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W. H. BEEBE, Auctioneer—No. 9 Pine-st.

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ELEGANT PRIVATE RESIDENCE AND sixteen lots of ground on Nostrand-av., Baltic and Butler sts., the residence of the late Thos. Reynolds, Esq., to be sold at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 369 Fulton-st., opposite the City Hall, Brooklyn. Maps, &c., at No. 369 Fulton-st.

IN PURSUANCE OF A DECREE IN CHANCERY, of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Seventh Circuit and Southern District of Ohio, in a cause wherein E. D. Morgan et al. are complainants, and the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company et al. are defendants, and of a decree in Chancery, entered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eighth Circuit and District of Indiana, in a cause wherein the said E. D. Morgan et al. are complainants, and the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company et al. are defendants, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us by a certain deed of trust, called a second mortgage, dated December 1, 1853, executed and delivered by the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company to Edward D. Mansfield and John McLean, and by certain proceedings whereby the said John McLean having declined to act, Geo. Hoadly was in due legal form substituted in his stead, and became with the said Edward D. Mansfield the grantee of said second mortgage, the undersigned, trustees and attorneys, appointed by said deed of trust and by the said proceedings substituting said Hoadley for said McLean, will, at 11 o'clock A. M. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1867, offer for sale at public auction, at the door of the United States Court-house in Cincinnati, and sell to the highest bidder, complying with the terms of sale hereinafter stated, all and singular the following described premises and real and personal estate and franchises, to-wit: The railroad constructed by the said Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company in the States of Ohio and Indiana, and in connecting the cities of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Vincennes, in Indiana, including the lands occupied and intended to be occupied by the said Railroad and its appurtenances, the track, rails, buildings, bridges, viaducts, cattle-guards, fixtures, and the lands upon which the same are situated, and all the privileges, franchises and rights whatsoever of the said Company, and the tolls, income, issues and profits thereof, and all the depots and stations, and the real estate upon which they are situated, and all the locomotives, tenders, cars and machinery owned by or in any way belonging to the said Company, and all benefit and equity of redemption of said Company therein, together with all the rights, claims and demands of said Company against the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company, upon or growing out of a contract between said Companies, dated Oct. 2, 1856, but subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by said contract upon the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company; SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the payment of the principal of the bonds secured by the first mortgage executed by the said Company, that is to say, to the payment on the first day of July, 1872, in the City of New-York, of two thousand and fifty bonds, each for the sum of one thousand dollars; and SUBJECT, ALSO, to the payment of the interest on said bonds as the same shall accrue and become due on and after the 1st day of January, 1868, said interest being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, upon presentation of the coupons or interest warrants therefor; and SUBJECT, ALSO, to the lien of the said first mortgage on all of said property for the said principal and the interest which may accrue on and after the 1st day of January, 1868, the payment of which principal and interest the purchaser at said sale is to assume, and the lien of said mortgage securing the same is to remain in full force in law and equity, notwithstanding said sale; but FREE AND DISCHARGED from all other claims of the creditors and stockholders of said Company.

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No bid will be received for less than $1,000,000. No bid will be received unless the bidder shall have previously deposited in the Commercial Bank of Cincinnati, as a special deposit, subject to our order, either the sum of $50,000 in lawful money of the United States, or $100,000 in the first or second mortgage bonds of the said Railroad Company, and shall have delivered to us the proper evidence thereof. Such deposit will be returned to any bidder whose bid is not the highest; but the deposit made by the purchaser will be forfeited and converted to the use of the creditors of the said Company, if such purchaser fail to pay the residue of the said purchase money, and complete his purchase.

All persons desiring to bid will find on file in the offices of the Clerks of the said Courts, respectively, a correct schedule of the property and premises to be offered for sale.

EDWARD D. MANSFIELD, GEO. HOADLY, Trustees and Attorneys.
CINCINNATI, Sept. 20, 1866.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.

WILL SELL BY AUCTION ON THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 93 Liberty-st., a large and select stock of first-class wines, brandies, cigars, &c., without reserve. Full particulars hereafter.

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 1866.

Amusements this Evening

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY. Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Miss Mary Gannon, Mrs. Vernon, Fanny Morant, &c.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Edwin Booth in his grand role of HAMLET.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, THE MASTER OF RAVENSWOOD. Leading characters by Mr. George Jordan and Miss Rose Eytynge.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.
Broadway, near 8th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Parisian Fancy Spectacle, CENDRILLON. Characters by Miss Eliza Newton, Mrs. W. Gomersal, Mrs. M. Wilkins, Miss S. Cole, Miss Alicia Mandeville, Miss S. A. Hinckley, Miss Annie Yeamans, Mrs. H. Brand, &c.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, TRUE TO THE CORE; Or, FLASH OF FIRE, and Les Deux Fugitifs. Characters by Miss Fanny Herring, G. L. Fox, and full company.

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Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, GRIFFITH GAUNT and THE MIDDY ASHORE.

GERMAN THALIA THEATRE.
No. 514 Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, Mr. BOGUMIL DAWISON in his great character of Giramolo, in DES MAHLERS MEISTERSTUECK.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
Montague-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Italian Oper. CRISPINO E LA COMARE.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
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AFTERNOON at 2, DYING FOR LOVE. EVENING at 7¾, KABRI; or THE WOODEN SHOEMAKER. A LARGE COLLECTION OF LIVING WILD ANIMALS. GORDON CUMMING'S COLLECTION. Dwarf, Fat Boy, 200,000 Curiosities.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Robert Stickney, Mlle. DeBerg and El Nino Eddie. The NEW-YORK CIRCUS TROUPE.

KELLY & LEON'S MINSTRELS,
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

We have cable dispatches to Dec. 17. The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* says the object of CASTELNU'S mission was to induce MAXIMILIAN to abdicate; but semi-official advices from Mexico indicate that MAXIMILIAN has determined to fight for his throne.

It is reported that the Pope has been invited to visit the United States.

Explosions continue to take place in the English collieries, but no further lives have been lost.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. SUMNER presented a bill to punish those who induce the emigration of free colored persons under false pretences. The Amnesty Bill and the Nebraska Bill were taken up and debated. The Senate postponed all other business at 2 o'clock to listen to eulogies on the late Senator WRIGHT, of New-Jersey.

In the House, Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, offered a resolution directing the Select Committee on the New-Orleans Riot to investigate the alleged frauds in the New-Orleans Custom-house, and the appointment of rebels therein to the exclusion of Union men, was adopted. A resolution looking to the withdrawal of the currency from the National Banks was rejected. The Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution for adjournment over the holidays was concurred in. A translation of the letter from the Emperor of Russia, acknowledging the joint resolution congratulating him on his escape from assassination, was read, and applauded. Mr. ASHLEY moved to suspend the rules to allow him to offer a resolution for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into acts done by officers of the Government which amount to high crimes and misdemeanors. The rules were not suspended, the vote being 89 to 49, less than two-thirds. Mr. SCHENCK offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the sale of a colored man in Maryland, under the sentence of a court. Mr. BANKS, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a resolution, recommending the Executive to offer the friendly offices of the Government for the promotion of peace in South America. Adopted.

LOCAL NEWS.

A ball was given at Turner's Station, on the Erie Railroad, on Friday evening last. The company, numbering about five hundred, from this City and various points on the road, assembled in the large dining saloon, which made an excellent ball-room, and the entertainment extended through the night. A fine supper was served at 1 o'clock, and the ball was a very pleasant, social and highly satisfactory affair. WANNEMACHER'S Fifth Regiment Band provided the music.

The inquest on the victims of the Second-avenue fire was continued yesterday. The painter who furnished the painting materials deposited in the cellar in which the flames originated, swore that there was no explosive material among them. Police Sergeant REID and Capt. WILSON were also examined. No very positive evidence was adduced. The investigation will be continued this afternoon.

WM. COMPTON, JOHN BLAKE and KATE FLANNAGAN, the proprietor, fireman and cook of the Compton House, who were severely burned on Friday last, have all died from their injuries. Coroner GAMBLE commenced an inquest yesterday, but was compelled to adjourn in order to procure additional witnesses. The other sufferers are progressing favorably.

The Congressional Committee appointed to investigate certain frauds perpetrated upon the Revenue Department by manufacturers and importers of whisky and tobacco commenced its sessions at the Astor House yesterday. As the meetings are held in secret, the amount of business transacted is unknown.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, PETER GEER, for grand larceny, was sent to State Prison for two years and six months; JAMES BELL, for the same, two years and six months; JAMES CONNERS, larceny of money, four years and six months; JAMES DOLAN, *alias* Fatty Davis, the noted and expert pickpocket, was tried and convicted.

The summing up of the case of Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS, charged with picking the pocket of a lady in a Broadway stage a few weeks since, took place yesterday afternoon, before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court. The Justice reserved his decision.

In the Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, the trial of FRANK VIELA for the murder of Señor OTERO was commenced. When the Court adjourned but eleven jurors had been obtained.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, AUGUST FRIEBEL, who accidentally caused the death of his wife, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the fourth degree, was discharged under suspended sentence.

The Brooklyn Common Council yesterday adopted a resolution to petition the Legislature for power to create a bureau to supply the city with gas for illuminating purposes.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS delivered a lecture on the "Internal Dangers to the Republic," in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, last evening.

Gold was ⅛ per cent. higher yesterday than on Saturday. Sales 138@138⅜ ℔ cent. Money 6 ℔ cent. to the brokers. The Public Funds ⅛ ℔ cent. higher. The Railway Stocks active and upward.

A good inquiry prevailed for Domestic Produce yesterday. Breadstuffs were again dearer. Provisions, especially hog products, depressed. Cotton rather firmer. Foreign merchandise was quiet, but steady. The freight market was brisker, chiefly in the line of cotton, breadstuffs and provision engagements for Liverpool.

The prices of some kinds of beef cattle are again fully up to the high figures of last Winter. Yesterday, at the National Drove yards, extra bullocks were sold at 20c. ℔ ℔., net weight. A few of the choicest beeves were reported as having been sold for 22c. ℔ ℔., net weight. But the statement was not reliable. The arrivals of beef cattle are sufficiently large for the requirements of the trade. Common to fair cattle were sold no higher yesterday than last week. Sales were quite low yesterday; and before night cattle did not sell so readily as they did in the morning. Good fair cattle sold for 15c.@16c. ℔ ℔., net weight. Large numbers of thin and inferior beeves were sold for 12c.@14c. ℔ ℔., net weight. Transactions in sheep are moderate. The arrivals for the weekly supply are only sufficient for a fair demand. Yesterday, a few choice lots were sold for 10c. ℔ ℔., live, gross weight. A very few extras might have brought 11c.@12c. ℔ ℔. The general selling price was about 6c.@7c. ℔ ℔., live weight. The receipts of swine at the market on Fortieth-street for the week, are 12,397. The market has not been very steady for a few days past. Yesterday the best hogs were selling for 7⅛c.@7⅜c. ℔ ℔., live, gross weight. Common hogs brought only 7c., or 8⅜c.@9c. ℔ ℔., dressed. A desperate effort is being made to keep the prices of meat up to the high figures of last Winter.

The South and the Amendment—The Position of the Republican Party.

The Commissioners appointed by the North Carolina Legislature to ascertain the feasibility of obtaining terms more favorable than those of the pending Amendment, are now, it seems, in Washington. Other prominent Southerners, report alleges, are expected on a similar errand. And yet other visitors to the national capital are talked of, whose object is, if possible, to elicit from Congress an assurance that the ratification of the Amendment by the excluded States will secure their immediate admission.

All these are hopeful indications of the growth of a moderate, conciliatory spirit among the politicians of the excluded States. They are circumstances which show that the decisions already pronounced against the Amendment are not beyond the possibility of reversal. They reveal a consciousness that something must be done to prevent the adoption of more rigorous measures. And they exhibit for the first time a disposition to face the difficulty as a stern reality, and to form a fresh judgment touching the purpose and temper of Congress. It is clear, therefore, that South Carolina's peurile notions on the subject of dignity are not universal at the South, and that other men than Gov. PATTON appreciate the expediency of accepting the terms now offered.

In the same connection our Copperhead contemporary of this City prints a statement from Washington to the effect that several Senators and Representatives are urging the Joint Committee on Reconstruction to declare that the Amendment "is the finality of the basis of restoration."

The fact is, that the feeling which prompts Southern politicians to take a survey of the ground from the steps of the Federal Capitol, also affects certain of the Northern opponents of the Congressional policy. Both begin to perceive that Congress, with the irresistible Union sentiment of the country at its back, is in earnest, and if unable by gentle processes to secure the conditions which are deemed essential, will compel submission to other and harsher terms. Both discover, too, that President JOHNSON is unable to accomplish anything in the direction he has marked out, and that the question of restoration or reconstruction must be settled by the South with Congress, and with Congress alone.

The mission intrusted to Gov. WORTH and his associates from North Carolina, will, we apprehend, be easily fulfilled. Ere now, we venture to say, they have discovered that better terms than those of the Amendment cannot be obtained. They have satisfied themselves, we are sure, that Congress will not recede from its position, and that should the Amendment fail, the next step will be less palatable to the legislators who have sent them. They will return to Raleigh persuaded that matters will grow worse with delay; though whether Gov. WORTH has moral courage enough to imitate Gov. PATTON, and recommend the acceptance of what he before condemned, is at least doubtful.

The firmness of the determination which sways the majority in Congress is, however, not the only characteristic with which the Southern people should be made acquainted by those whom they have sent to Washington. Coupled with this firmness is a degree of moderation utterly at variance with the impressions prevalent at the South. And though no formal resolution declaratory of a readiness to make the Amendment the *ultimatum* in regard to restoration has yet been reported by the Reconstruction Committee, Gov. WORTH will have no difficulty in discovering that it is so understood by a majority in both Houses.

To remove misapprehension upon the point, we have favored the adoption of a resolution of this character as a means of strengthening the chances of the Amendment at the South. At the same time, it must be admitted that the declaration is not necessary either to indicate or to ratify the position of Congress in reference to the Amendment. The prominence given to the Amendment in the late elections—the fact that everywhere the Republican Party fought their battle upon it as a basis of restoration—should surely be sufficient to establish the good faith with which Congress is prepared to act. The Amendment was submitted as the programme of restoration; it was tendered to the South in this light; and the honor of the party is pledged to the admission of any State which shall accept and ratify it. If this purpose be departed from, it will be because the course of the South defeats the desire of Congress and renders other measures indispensable.

Of this the country can have no more conclusive evidence than is afforded by the debate in the Senate on Friday last, on the occasion of taking up the Nebraska Bill. The question was raised incidentally, whether support of the Amendment, last session, implied a willingness to admit the States that should ratify it. Mr. SUMNER said No. But Mr. WADE repelled the denial as equivalent to a violation of a pledge solemnly given. Mr. WADE'S words are worthy of especial notice, considering the place he occupies among the advanced members of the party, and the influence he exercises in its councils. We quote from the report in the *Congressional Globe*:

"Let me say that I should consider myself bound by the Constitutional Amendment, if the Southern States complied with it within a reasonable time, and that reasonable time, in my judgment, is nearly elapsed. By a reasonable time I mean as soon as their Legislatures can consider it. *If they adopt the Constitutional Amendment, and comply with the terms prescribed by the Reconstruction Committee and adopted by Congress, I should feel bound to vote for their admission.* I voted for the Constitutional Amendment on that hypothesis."

When Mr. SUMNER alleged that, notwithstanding the Amendment, impartial suffrage should be exacted as a condition of restoration, Mr. WADE replied that to moot that condition now would be bad faith, and that one of the provisions of the Amendment recognized the right of the States to determine their own suffrage. We quote again, Mr. WADE being the speaker:

"When the Committee on Reconstruction, at the last session, brought in their last proposition to amend the Constitution, and to provide for the readmission of the seceded States, the labors of that Committee I supposed had been directed to the inquiry upon what conditions we should permit those States to come back into the Union. I supposed it was for that purpose the Committee was raised. I supposed they had directed all their inquiries to that subject, and that they had settled down upon Amendments to the Constitution, which were to be submitted to the seceded States, and upon being adopted and complied with by them in good faith, and being ratified by three-fourths of all the States, would entitle them to representation in the two Houses.

I supposed it was on that very condition that we sought to permit them to come back. It would seem to be an inconsistency to say that, if classes of people were excluded from the ballot-box, they should not be entitled to be counted in the basis of representation, that is, that political power should be based upon voters, if we did not mean to leave it in the power of the States to exclude some class of people from the ballot-box."

Yet again, by way of explanation and warning:

"I cannot understand it in any other way than that *when three-fourths of the States ratified that Amendment, and made it a part and parcel of the Constitution of the United States, the Southern States would then be in such a condition that they might apply here, and all other things being equal, they would be admitted.* Of course they must send loyal men; they must send men who can take the oath; but all these conditions being complied with, they should be received. If we did not mean that, I do not know what we did mean. Why provide for what should happen on the exclusion of a certain class from the ballot-box, if we did not intend to allow them to be excluded under any circumstances?

I will say in this connection, as we have begun to define our positions here, that I think that proposition was perfectly fair, temperate, judicious, moderate beyond what the world had ever seen before under such circumstances, and if the Southern people throw it back defiantly in our teeth, and will not comply with it, I am willing to say here that I am for putting them under the strong arm of military power, and ruling them in that way, if it be necessary, so that they shall make no disturbance in this Government. *If they will take the terms we offer in a reasonable time, I am bound to stand up to my agreement.*"

What more conclusive testimony could be required? What clearer proof of the intent with which the Amendment was adopted by Congress, and fidelity with which the most influential leaders of the majority in Congress are prepared to adhere to the terms proposed?

Other evidence is afforded, however, in the same debate. The position assumed by Mr. WADE is unreservedly shared by his colleague, Mr. SHERMAN. Alluding to Mr. SUMNER'S denial of the sufficiency of the Amendment, Mr. SHERMAN, among other things, said:

"We made a proposition to the Southern States at the last session of Congress. It was made after the gravest and fullest consideration probably that any measure ever received from any Congress of the United States. No legislative act of Congress since the foundation of this Government was surrounded with more difficult questions than the one we acted upon at the last session. After long debate, after considering all the propositions that were made on either side, the Congress of the United States made to the people of the Southern States a deliberate proposition. We submitted to them Constitutional Amendments. It seems to me that *no one can avoid the irresistible logic that if they accepted those Amendments, we were bound to carry them out. I know I voted for those Amendments with that understanding.* I felt that I would be bound by that action. I felt that, if they accepted those Amendments, they were States in the Union, entitled to Senators and Representatives, precisely like the State of Massachusetts and the State of Ohio. I did not dream that there was any doubt about that matter. And, Sir, let me say to you that *if the Southern people had accepted, or if they do accept, the Constitutional Amendments, those States are just as certain to be represented here by Senators and members as the State of Ohio or the State of Massachusetts.*

I know that my friend from Massachusetts, and perhaps some other Senators, were dissatisfied with the Constitutional Amendments. They did not meet their expectations; they did not impose the terms and conditions that they hoped to impose on the Southern people; they did not probably meet their sense of duty; but still, the people of the United States have felt themselves bound by those terms; and if the Southern people would now accept them, the people of the United States would hail their acceptance as the most joyful event since the surrender of LEE'S army."

"The most joyful event since the surrender of LEE'S army" would be, in Mr. SHERMAN'S judgment, the acceptance of the Amendment by the South as the completion of restoration. Is there aught like reservation or equivocation here? "I believe, now," he added, "that that proposition made by Congress contained all that is vital and all that is necessary to secure peace and quiet and harmony in this great country of ours. And it seems to me the saddest, the most foolish act of the Southern people for them to reject the Constitutional Amendment." Is this the language of a relentless persecutor, to whose appeals the South should turn a deaf ear?

Nor may it be said that Messrs. WADE and SHERMAN are more liberal than their constituents. Mr. SHERMAN shows that in Radical Ohio the Union Party fought its battle with the Amendment as its platform:

"Our Union Convention passed no other resolution except to approve and ratify the Constitutional Amendment. Our party went before the people on that Amendment, rejecting all minor issues; and we all understood, without an exception, that if that Amendment was adopted by the Southern people, it was the end-all and be-all of reconstruction, and that Senators and Representatives from those States were to be admitted into Congress; and we all cited, as an evidence of the intention of Congress on that subject, the actual fact of the admission of the State of Tennessee, following her adoption of the Constitutional Amendment. After Tennessee had adopted the Constitutional Amendment we set the example of admitting her promptly. The people of the State of Ohio, at least, understood that if any State in the South accepted this Constitutional Amendment, its Senators and Representatives should take their seats by our side."

As it was in Ohio, so was it New-York and throughout the North. Everywhere the Union party approved of the action of Congress as an equitable finality. And to-day the party adheres to the Amendment with that understanding. But the offer will not remain open an indefinite period. It stands for "a reasonable time," as Mr. WADE avers, but not forever.

We trust that these declarations by influential Republican Senators will not be lost upon the South. Taken in conjunction with the generally moderate tone and the excellent temper which Congress has displayed since the commencement of the session, they should dispel the doubts which Gov. PATTON has encountered, and induce a timely reconsideration of their course by the Legislatures which have decided adversely.

Assured of its strength, may not Congress await the operation of the sober second thought which is already in operation among the Southern people? A little delay will not weaken the ability of Congress to do what events may render necessary. And in the meantime let us hope the Commissioners who visit Washington will use their influence at home, wisely and promptly, to promote the acceptance of the Amendment before it be too late.

The International Ocean Telegraph Company.

We are opposed, and strongly opposed, on principle to all monopolies, their natural and almost universal effect being to benefit the few at the expense of the many, and the enterprise which is the subject of these remarks is the protected grantee, it appears, not of one but of many exclusive privileges, or rather of the same exclusive privilege from many distinct nationalties. The *a priori* influence deducible from the obtaining of these exclusive privileges would be, that the combined intelligence and experience of the various Governments erecting these monopolies have been convinced of the national value of the interest to be created and protected, thus granting the protection as they would to a patentee, or that they believed that this interest of national value could not be created without the special protection of a limited monopoly.

If our memory serves us right, both of these reasons were adduced, discussed and admitted in the United States Senate, before the International Ocean Telegraph Company obtained their bill; and, if we are correctly informed, the main reason which induced the Spanish Government to protect the Company was the conviction that no association would ever undertake to place her West Indian colonies in telegraphic communication with the Home Government, unless protected for a time against competition.

No one can recognize more fully than we do the many advantages daily afforded to us by the Atlantic Cable. As a material progress, as a grand victory of mind, energy, courage and perseverance over the inorganic forces of nature, we hail it, are proud of it, and of the national share we have had in its accomplishment. But as a commercial monopoly, it is necessarily opposed to our ideas of progress, and, as a political one, it may, by reason of its foreign termini, become one day a greater national bane than it is a present benefit.

If, therefore, a monopoly though it be, the first cable of the International Ocean Telegraph Company, to be laid shortly from Key West to Havana, is to be—as we are credibly informed—the first link of a new transatlantic chain, which, passing through the Windward Islands, along the northern coast of South America, shall stretch from Cape St. Roque to the Azores and Canary Islands, and terminate at Cadiz, we presume we must hail it as one of the many goods of questionable paternity; and, perhaps, being possessed of no transatlantic soil ourselves, Spain is as convenient a country as any other on which its European terminus should be landed.

The International Ocean Telegraph Company intend, we understand, to lay their cables to Jamaica, and thence to the national focus of the whole trade of the Pacific, the Isthmus of Panama. The commerce of the southwest co[illegible] which according to all laws political and [illegible] clear[illegible] long to [illegible] almost entirely in hands of the European commercial countries, attributable mainly to the liberal system of postal conventions whereby England fosters indirectly the establishment of markets for her principal staples. Were our merchants once placed in telegraphic communication with the Republics of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chili, there can be no reason why a fair average of the commerce of these countries should not be directed to us.

Nomination of Street Commissioner.

We understand that Mayor HOFFMAN yesterday sent in the name of GEORGE W. McLEAN, Esq., for the office of Street Commissioner. The nomination is one eminently fit and proper. Mr. McLEAN was not an applicant for the position, but his high character and his business experience naturally pointed him out to Mr. HOFFMAN as one who would fill the office with credit and with great advantage to the public interests. Let us hope that the nomination will be confirmed promptly and gracefully.

WINTER LIFE IN THE CITY.—We had, in the streets of New-York yesterday, our first experiences, this Winter, of what we are destined very often to enjoy during the coming season. The snow of Sunday had been turned by the cold, drizzling rain of Sunday night into an irregular surface, partly glazed with ice and partly heavy with slush. Early yesterday morning the temperature of the atmosphere reduced the whole to a slushy condition, and throughout the day man and beast floundered about among it in a state of body and mind hardly capable of definition by doctors or metaphysicians. It has long ago been proven, and proven a thousand times over, that nothing whatever can be done by any created power to remedy the condition of the streets of this City as they exist during the greater part of every Winter, and of which we had a foretaste yesterday. There are cities in the world, it is true, such for example, as Paris, where there are powers in existence that have capacity in this direction; but what a discredit it would be for New-York to copy anything from Paris beyond its vices and follies. We can only urge our citizens to pay faithfully their taxes for street cleaning, and then each do his "little best" in front of his own door to keep them clean.

CANADA.

Action against Bank Officers.

TORONTO, Monday, Dec. 17.

A bill has been filed in the Court of Chancery against the Cashier and Directors of the Bank of Upper Canada. The bill sets forth that, contrary to the provision in the bank charter, which stipulates that the Bank shall not, directly or indirectly, hold shares of the capital stock, ROBERT CASSELS, Cashier, with the knowledge and approbation of the directors, caused money and effects belonging to the Bank to be expended in the purchase of shares in the capital stock to the amount of $40,000, which shares were transferred to the Solicitor of the Bank, to be held by him as trustee for the Bank; and that the assets of the bank have been materially reduced by this illegal misappropriation, and the liability of the stockholders increased in proportion. The bill prays that an account be taken of all sums so expended, and that the directors be held personally liable to stockholders, and ordered to repay the money so appropriated.

The action is taken on behalf of G. D. HYME, who sues on behalf of himself and other shareholders.

Proposed New Line of Steamers Between Montreal and the Lower Provinces.

MONTREAL, Monday, Dec. 17.

The Secretary of the Montreal Board of Trade is conferring with the Board of Trade of Charlottetown, in relation to the establishment of a line of steamers to run between Montreal and New-Brunswick next Summer.

Montreal merchants are moving energetically to open regular communication by steam with the Lower Provinces and other points.

Change of American Consul—The Maritime Delegation in London.

OTTAWA, Monday, Dec. 17.

Mr. PATRICK, the American Consul here, has resigned, and is succeeded by Mr. MEEHAN of Albany.

The *Times* this morning says: "Hon. Messrs. CARTIER, McDONALD and HOWLAND had a most satisfactory interview with Lord CANARBOON the day following their arrival in London."

The latest intelligence fully confirms the expectation of an early completion of the Federation scheme. The delegates from the Maritime Provinces expected to return about New-Years, and also stated in regard to the vacancies which recently occurred in Parliament, that no writs for new elections will be issued for the present, as it was almost certain a general election, under the new Constitution, would take place within six months.

MEXICO.

Reported Illness of the Emperor—The Conspiracy Against Garcia.

RICHMOND, Monday, Dec. 17.

Mexican letters report that the Minister of Finance had left the Capital on a visit to the Emperor at Orizaba, who, it is stated, has had renewed attacks of fever.

The conspiracy against the Juarist chief, GARCIA, had been repeated. There was no legitimate business doing in Mexico, and the future was regarded as very uncertain.

The *Estafette* considers that by February the struggle in Mexico oligarchial factions and American interventon. The Ministry are said to entertain more and more confidence in the speedy return of MAXIMILIAN to the capital. The *Ere* and *Estafette*, on the other hand, look for his abdication. American ships-of-war were daily expected at Mazatlan.

At Jalapa there was a great scarcity of provisions and some suffering in consequence.

ILLINOIS.

Escape of Prisoners from the Penitentiary—The Press.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 17.

Five convicts escaped from the Penitentiary at Joliet on Thursday evening last, by getting into the sewer and creeping into liberty. The heavy iron which protected the sewer, both inside where they entered, and outside where they got out, had been sawed off and taken out by some persons outside of the walls, who no doubt were in collusion with the convicts. As soon as the facts of the escape were discovered pursuit was made, but the fugitives were not caught.

There are now 1,092 convicts in the Penitentiary—an increase of nearly 500 in two years.

The Illinois State Press, comprising all the daily newspapers published outside of Chicago, is called to meet at the Briggs House, Chicago, on Thursday next, the 20th inst., to make arrangements for telegraph news, &c.

The Great Western Railway.

WYOMING, C. W., Monday, Dec. 17.

The Wyoming and Petrolia branch of the Great Western Railway opened to-day for traffic. Four trains daily connect with the main line.

FORTRESS MONROE.

The Weather—Robbery of a Jewelry Store.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Dec. 17.

The weather, which during the past three days has been blowing a gale from the Northeast, has moderated, and the fleet of northward-bound vessels which put in here for a harbor have taken the advantage of a change of the wind, which now blows from the Southeast, and sailed for their destinations.

A series of robberies have been perpetrated during the past three months. To-night a jewelry store was robbed to the extent of $1,400. Those supposed to have been engaged in it have been arrested.

NEW-JERSEY.

Sentence of Charles R. Ruh for Bribery.

TRENTON, N. J., Monday, Dec. 17.

CHARLES R. RUH, of Hudson County, was sentenced to-day (the Supreme Court having overruled the objections) to one year in the State Prison. Mr. RUH had been convicted of bribery in the Legislature of 1866. Great sympathy is felt for him, all expecting him to be fined.

A Fine of $25 for Selling Diseased Horse-Meat.

NEWARK, Monday, Dec. 17.

CASPAR VANAH, a German butcher, has been convicted of selling diseased horse meat, and fined $25.

KANSAS.

Severe Snow-Storm—The Cattle Market.

LEAVENWORTH, Monday, Dec. 17.

The fall of snow on Saturday was the heaviest ever known in Kansas.

Advices from Fort Scott, Kansas, state that over 10,000 head of beef cattle have passed there during the last ten days, going North to market.

MINNESOTA.

Five Million Bushels of Wheat Shipped During the Season.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 17.

Nearly 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, including wheat reduced to flour, have been shipped from Minnesota during the past season.

TEXAS.

Destructive Fire in Galveston.

GALVESTON, Monday, Dec. 17.

A large incendiary fire occurred this morning, which destroyed the building occupied by the Masons as a lodge-room, who lost their furniture and library; also the Texas Express Company, who saved their freight, but lost their furniture. A new brick building not occupied, owned by CHAPMAN & DUFFIELD, was also entirely destroyed. Total loss $30,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Passage of the Resolutions Expressing Sympathy for Jeff. Davis.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Monday, Dec. 17.

The Legislature has passed the resolutions expressive of their sympathy for JEFF. DAVIS in his confinement.

Heavy Loss by Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Monday, Dec. 17.

A fire was discovered about 6 o'clock this morning in the rolling-mill belonging to PALMER & WADSWORTH, in what is called Union Town, a part of the city lying to the southwest. Very little could be done to stay the progress of the fire on account of the locality, the depth of snow preventing the engines getting into position. All the inflammable parts of the buildings are destroyed, and the loss will probably exceed $100,000. There is insurance on the buildings and machinery amounting to $200,000. This was one of the finest and largest mills in the country, employing 800 hands.

LOUISIANA.

The Petition for a Provisional Government—Proposed Change in Payment of State Taxes.

NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Dec. 16.

The GEO. W. KENDALL who signed the petition to Congress to displace the present State law of Louisiana and create a provisional one, is an ex-steamboat man and a connection of JOHN WILKINS KENDALL, senior editor of the *Picayune*, now here, who is altogether conservative.

CHARLESTON, Sunday, Dec. 16.

It is proposed in Louisiana to revoke the ordinance allowing the payment of State taxes in the currency of the State at par.

J. M. LAPEYRE has been chosen President of the New-Orleans Board of Brokers, which is now fully organized.

The Congressional Investigating Committee—The Cotton Crop.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 17.

A committee of gentlemen comprising some of the leading and most respectable citizens, has been appointed to wait on the Congressional Investigation Committee of the New-Orleans riots on their arrival here, for the purpose of bringing before them important testimony.

The cotton crop of Northern Louisiana is reported all gathered and in process of ginning. Planters are desirous of withholding it from market on account of the low prices prevailing; but high water and low purses tend to immediate shipment.

Decision in the Grant's Pass Case.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Dec. 17.

The District Court at New-Orleans has decided in favor of the right of Mr. JOHN GRANT to collect tolls from steamers and other vessels plying between New-Orleans and Mobile by way of Grant's Pass.

Rumor of Gen. Ortega's Intention to Bring a Suit for Damages for False Imprisonment.

NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Dec. 16.

There is a rumor that Gen. ORTEGA, who regards himself as the Constitutional President of Mexico, intends to commence action for damages against the United States authorities for false imprisonment while *en route* for his home in Mexico.

The Recent Fire at New-Orleans.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Dec. 17.

The loss by the fire on Camp-street, New-Orleans, is stated at $75,000. Messrs. ABRAHAMS & GOLDSMITH, dry goods dealers, were insured in home and foreign offices for $60,000. In all, three buildings, Nos. 36, 38 and 40, were more or less injured.

TENNESSEE.

Adjournment of the Legislature.

NASHVILLE, Monday, Dec. 17.

The Legislature adjourned to-day until Jan. 14. Nearly all the members had gone home, and not more than a half-dozen remained in each House.

Large numbers of mules and horses arrive here weekly per rail, destined for points South. Fifteen car loads reached here to-day from Kentucky on their way to Corinth, Miss., and a location in Georgia.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Fire at Charlestown.

BOSTON, Monday, Dec. 17.

A fire in Charlestown last night destroyed the wooden building at the corner of High and Pearl streets, formerly occupied as a Methodist Church. Loss, $10,000. The Armory of the Prescott Light Horse Guard, a school-room and several offices in the building were burned out.

Superintendent of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway.

BOSTON, Monday, Dec. 17.

WILLIAM H. PARKER, of Concord, Superintendent of the Northern (N. H.) Railroad, has accepted the position of General Superintendent of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad.

The Franconia murderer has been traced to Montreal, and the prospects of his capture may be regarded as sure.

BALTIMORE.

Seizure of Sixty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Whisky.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Dec. 17.

A large amount of whisky, valued at about $60,000, coming from Richmond, Washington and Philadelphia, was seized here to-day by United States revenue officers for evading the revenue tax.

Weather clear and cold.

Freight Buildings and Cars of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Burned.

ALBANY, Monday, Dec. 17.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning the freight buildings and two freight cars of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company at Richmondsville, were destroyed by fire. The cars were loaded with hay and butter. The fire is generally believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Loss of a Mississippi Steamer and Several Lives.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Dec. 17.

The steamer *Rattler*, bound hence for New-Orleans, is reported to have been lost near Memphis. Several lives are said to have been lost with the vessel.

Fire in Farmingdale, Me.

GARDINER, Me., Monday, Dec. 17.

C. A. PLAISTED'S pottery, in Farmingdale, was destroyed by fire last night. Most of the stock was saved. The loss is about $10,000; insured for $5,000.

Dye-house Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 17.

The dye-house attached to the woolen mill of POLLOCK & CAMPBELL, in the southwest part of the city, was burned this evening. Loss $8,000.

Amusements.

ITALIAN OPERA IN BROOKLYN.—This week terminates the season, with "Crispino" to-night and "Zampa" on Thursday. "Crispino" is one of the several operas that invariably insures a full house. The work itself is so bright and sparkling, so full of life and occasion for merriment, that it requires no screwing up of one's mental faculties, no extra tension of the *morale*, and draws by the very force of its inherent fun. But the combined opportunity of doing honor to the prime favorite, Miss KELLOGG, of enjoying the drolleries of RONCONI, and the superb vocalism of BELLINI, is of itself all-sufficient; hence to-night and every night a crowded audience for "Crispino."

THE WEATHER AND SKATES.

Pride Gets a Fall—A Dull Day Yesterday—The Fun Begins To-Day—Slippery Sidewalks.

The rain which followed the snow of Sunday was a terrible damper on the exultant spirits of the skaters. They had just tasted enough of the fun to make them long for ever so much more, when they were chased away like naughty children who were indulging in some forbidden pleasure and were caught at it. On the centre lake of the Park over a thousand skaters remained until the most persistent skatomaniac could bear the drench no longer, when they subsided in the mist.

A DIP.

At the extreme west end of the lake, that nearest Eighth-avenue, the ice was weak and skaters were warned off that neighborhood. In the absence of the watchman, but in the presence of his friends, a gentleman of tender years and large ambition offered to wager that he could cross the forbidden waters. He was taken up by a bystander, and when half way over was let down by the ice about four feet four inches, just low enough to save his shirt-collar, which was a Shakespeare. There was considerable difficulty in getting the wet part of him out, and the dry part of him was so very dry, indeed, that lubrication by brandy was resorted to. He probably would have remained there until his mother came for him had it not been for the prowess of the Captain of the Central Park Light Infantry, who got over to him somehow and gathered him up and shook him, and permitted him to be lubricated and sent home.

A DAY OF PROMISE.

In the forenoon of yesterday there was of course no skating, but as the frost set in again in the afternoon there was a goodly turnout in the direction of the Park. The ice, however, was not in fit condition so soon after the storm, and the over-eager had to rein in their desires for another day. If the frost continued throughout the night, then, beyond a doubt, to-day will furnish ice for all comers and goers. The Park lakes will be all available, and the promised programmes of the skating Rink and Park will be gone through. MACMILLAN, of the Fifth-avenue Skating Park, announces his formal opening of proceedings to-day, with an afternoon instrumental concert of forty pieces, conducted by HARVEY DODWORTH. This is surely tempting enough to insure as many visitors as can find room on 6,000 square yards of ice and as six inches thick can bear. It is probable that the Rink will also be inaugurated; if so, there will be a lively time among the skaters, and we may be able to gather some notes, not only of their behavior, but of the new things which they have got on. We mean the ladies, of course. Let us hope that something we wont see will be the tilting hoop.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS.

The streets, until late in the afternoon of yesterday, were in a fearful condition of filthy snow and slush. If we remember aright, there is a municipal law somewhere which makes it imperative on housekeepers and storekeepers to clear away the snow before dwellings and stores every morning. If so, there is certainly not much respect paid to the ordinance, and but faint efforts made by the Police to enforce it. Except on Broadway and some of the other main avenues of traffic, the snow lay undisturbed all day upon the footpaths, save where it was removed by law and neighbor-loving citizens opposite their homes, or carried off by the plodding wet feet of passers by. A hint from each policeman to the owners of dwellings on his beat yesterday, when the snow had ceased to fall, would have brought out broom and shovel, and the sidewalks would have been clean throughout the entire City by 1 o'clock. As it is, the snow hides the pavement in every street, and in greater part will remain there for many days if the frost continue. Ax and hammer will be needed for hours to do the work a broom would have done in as many minutes. What are you about, ye ought-to-be ubiquitous M. P.s? If you had to pay the doctor's bills for setting broken bones and easing wounded joints, you would look after the slippery sidewalks.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Resolution in Relation to the Post-office Site Concurred in—Veto Message from the Mayor—Mr. Geo. W. McLean Nominated for Street Commissioner.

The Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. BRICE in the Chair.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I return without my approval the report and accompanying resolutions relating to the grant by the City to the United States of a portion of the Battery as a site for the erection of a Revenue Barge Office adopted by the Board of Aldermen Dec. 6, 1866, and concurred in by the Board of Councilmen, Dec. 13, 1866.

I do not hesitate to say that I am decidedly in favor of granting to the Government the property described in the resolution, and I am willing the grant should be made for a nominal consideration. The City would be benefited and not injured by the conveyance.

But my objections to the report and resolutions are mainly these:

First—The report and the preamble to the resolutions state that the City has only an easement on the Battery, and that it does not own the fee. This may or may not be so; but it seems to me exceedingly unwise, and it certainly is unnecessary that any such admission be made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York.

Second—The conveyance to the United States Government, when made, should contain a provision that the title shall revert to the City whenever the United States Government shall cease to occupy the premises granted for the purpose of a revenue barge office. This is not provided for in the resolutions.

Third—It should be provided that the right of way across the Battery to Whitehall-street should not be inclosed, but should be an open way; and also that the exterior wall in front of the premises conveyed should be of the same character and quality as that in front of the other portion of the Battery extension. There should also be a map or diagram of the property which is to be conveyed attached to the resolutions. This has not been done.

I also respectfully suggest that the resolutions should provide that the assent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund should be given to said grant.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

It was referred to a Special Committee having the matter in charge.

The resolution authorizing the sale to the General Government of the lower end of the City Hall Park, for a Post-office site, for the sum of $500,000, was read.

Mr. MASTERSON said this had been characterized by one of the public journals as a swindle. If the Committee knew anything about the matter, he hoped they would say what they knew. To sell a piece of land worth $2,000,000 for $500,000 looked, he thought, very much like a swindle.

Mr. REILLY said he did not see how there could be any swindle about it, when the money had to be paid directly into the City Treasury. At the same time, he disapproved of the resolution, as he thought the City should get at least $1,000,000 for the property.

The resolution was then concurred in by a vote of 10 to 5.

The Mayor sent in a communication nominating GEORGE W. McLEAN for Street Commissioner, which was laid over.

The Board shortly afterwards adjourned to 2 P. M. to-day.

The Whisky and Tobacco Frauds.

The Congressional Committee, of which Hon. Mr. DARLING is Chairman, appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct an investigation of the Revenue frauds perpetrated upon the Government in this City, commenced its sessions yesterday morning at the Astor House. Little was done beyond deciding upon the plan to be pursued in conducting the investigation. Witnesses in abundance are ready to give evidence regarding the swindling operations of citizens as well as officials, and it is believed that sufficient testimony will be adduced to endanger the heads of some of the Government agents, in whom the utmost confidence has been placed heretofore. It is well known that the tax on whisky alone has been evaded to the amount of thousands of dollars per day, and this evasion could not have been successfully made without the sanction of Collectors and Inspectors. The duty on tobacco and cigars has been evaded in a similar manner, involving a serious loss to the Government. As the meetings of the Committee will be held in secret, the public will learn little of its transactions until a final report is made.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

DEATH OF THE WOUNDED BURGLAR.—Yesterday morning PATRICK FARRELL, the burglar, who was shot by Officer KASS on Sunday, while attempting to escape after having made a burglarious attempt on the store of GEORGE TERRY, at the corner of Twenty-first street and Third-avenue, died from the effects of the wound so received at Bellevue Hospital. A full report of the circumstances attending the affair was published in yesterday's TIMES. FARRELL was a most determined housebreaker, and was well known as such by the police of the Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. It now appears that at the recent State election in November, FARRELL registered himself as a voter in almost every polling district in these two Wards. He was arrested on this charge, and was under indictment for this offence (on bail) when he received his death wound. During last Summer deceased committed an outrageous assault upon Officer FITZGERALD, of the Twenty-first Precinct, injuring that officer quite seriously, and then made good his escape. Before the police could lay hands upon him FARRELL quarreled and fought with another notorious character, on which occasion he received a pistol shot wound at the hands of his opponent. He was at that time taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he remained for some weeks under Police arrest and treatment. When discharged from the institution the deceased was held to bail to answer the charge of felonious assault and battery upon Officer FITZGERALD. The above brief outline of this desperado's antecedents gives the main facts in his Police record, which is an extensive one. Coroner GAMBLE was duly notified of his death, and will hold an inquest over the body this morning, at 11 o'clock.

MEETING OF THE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Union Executive Committee held a meeting last evening at No. 435 Fourth-avenue, and appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. WAGNER, KELLY, ASTEN, COSTA and SMITH, to ascertain the status of the different Union organizations in the Assembly Districts, and to obtain a new enrollment, if necessary, for the purpose of a complete reorganization. It was understood that a meeting of the General Committee was to have been held, but owing to a misunderstanding about the place of meeting but few members were in attendance, and the meeting was postponed. On motion of the Treasurer of the Committee it was agreed to donate the use of their rooms, (now used for the Home and School Fair,) on Christmas Day to the ladies of this charity, that they may erect a Christmas tree therein for the especial enjoyment of the orphan children.

FIRE IN A SCHOOL-HOUSE.—About 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire occurred in Public School No. 51, E. M. WALSH, principal, at No. 519 West Forty-fourth-street, near Tenth-avenue. The fire was caused by a defective heater. The firemen were soon on the ground, and extinguished the flames before any great damage had been done. Considerable excitement had been occasioned among the scholars, when JAMES COLLINS, of No. 337 West Forty-sixth-street, was seriously injured by being trampled upon by his fellow-students. The teachers did everything in their power to preserve order, and succeeded in doing so to a great extent.

CUSTOM-HOUSE FRAUDS.—A Congressional Committee, appointed to investigate certain matters connected with the Custom-house of this City is now in session at the Astor House. The Committee was appointed at the instigation of the head of the Treasury Department. It consists of Messrs. CALVIN HUBBARD, of New-York; J. M. BROOMAL, of Pennsylvania, and E. H. ROLLINS, of New-Hampshire. This Committee is a delegation of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives on Public Expenditures. The sessions are held in secret.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—The ladies' fair at this Church will be continued during the week. On Sunday, the 23d inst., the church will be dedicated. Archbishop McCLOSKY will preach the dedicatory sermon. The music will be under the direction of Dr. BERGE. The enlargement is now completed and the church has been decorated.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT, DEC. 18.—Nos. 66, 62, 60, 81 to 88, 2, 13, 17, 34, 36, 40, 76, 68, 7.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Second Branch of the Announcements in the Columns of the Times.

The slush on the pavements and the rush in the stores continue. Probably our streets never were so thoroughly filthy and entirely uncomfortable for passengers as at present, and certainly the warehouses that are filled with temptations were never so crowded or so well patronized as in this wet and dismal week before Christmas. There are so many people in the world, with so many different tastes, habits, dispositions and necessities that one would suppose the ingenuity of mechanicians and the industry of artisans would fail to supply them all, but a second glance at the wondrous preparations of our advertisers convinces us that the necessity is met, and the demand has found its supply. From the magnificent grand pianos valued at thousands of dollars, to the simple clothes-wringer with its modest cost, from the royal ermines and Russian sables of the rich and fashionable to the petit musical box of narrower means, from the fanciest article in papier-mache to the most useful patent in sewing-machines, from the choicest freak of fancy to the solidest appliance of work—all are provided and all are set forth in terms of glowing eulogy in the columns of the TIMES. We have previously called attention to the stocks displayed by our dealers in jewelry, fancy articles and dry goods, but the list swells before us and under the general specification of

MISCELLANEOUS WARES,

the others are given below.

GENIN'S BAZAAR.—Mr. GENIN originally devoted himself to providing the masculine element of our population with hats, caps and tippets, but of late years he has emerged from his modest store, and opened an ambitious bazaar, where the finest fabrics for the promenade of either sex are displayed in great profusion. He informs the public that his latest specialty is "adopted by young America with enthusiasm."

WILLIAM TAYLOR.—Flags, glassballs, candles, figures, fruit, bonbons, cornucopias, and all manner of fancy and ornamental confection are provided by Mr. TAYLOR, who makes a gorgeous distribution of them in his show-cases.

E. & H. T. ANTHONY.—A few years ago when stereoscopes were first introduced, the ownership of one was considered a fine thing. Now it is rare that a house is without one or more. The Anthony's announce a large and varied assortment of pictures for them, embracing views of everything in the world, taken from every conceivable point. They have also albums and other fancy articles in the photograph and picture line.

SEWING-MACHINES.—He would be a bold writer indeed who would calmly take pen and ink for the consideration of the superior merits of any one of the numerous patents before the public. They are all good, and probably each one is the best one in some particular branch of work—but that part of the business we leave to our readers, who can find certainly some one that will suit them at the establishments of WHEELER & WILSON, GROVER & BAKER, WILLCOX & GIBBS, the Elliptic Hook Lockstich Company, the Weed Sewing-Machine Company, or HOWE & Company. Every one of these machines is indorsed by influential clergymen, religious newspapers, and, what is much more to the point, thousands of poor women throughout the land, who, by their assistance, are enabled to wring a sufficient pittance with which to keep the wolf from the door. A more substantial, useful, welcome Christmas gift cannot be suggested.

PIANOS FORTES.—Where doctors differ it does not become laymen to interfere. Notably this is the case in the matter of Pianos, the manufacture and sale of which in this City and country have become so prominent a feature in our social and artistic life. Pianos at one time were the exponents of wealth and luxury, now they are the evidences of taste and culture, as often found in the modest parlor of the poor, as in the pretentious drawing-room of the rich. Like the sewing-machines on an occasion of this kind, all pianos of whatsoever make are suggested to our readers as fit objects of presentation to those we love or esteem—but the choice between makers we beg to submit to the individual tribunal of each and every reader. There are the well-known establishments of STEINWAY & SONS, CHICKERING & SON, HAINES BROTHERS, WEBER, DECKER & CO., EMERSON, (MUNGER,) WATERS, HAZLETON BROS., and CHAMBERS & SON, where doubtless in styles of case to suit the exigencies of purse, and in quality to please the most fastidious taste, the latest and best may be procured at popular prices.

A. MORTON.—The pen is mightier than the sword—sometimes—and it is fair to presume that a man who handles as many pens as Mr. MORTON, occasionally finds an opportunity of outstripping our greatest Generals. He announces that his "gold pens, the best and cheapest," are to be had for presents or otherwise at his old stand.

GOUPIL & CO.—The usual gallery of paintings is just now well filled with rare works by the best foreign and native artists, while the display of goods for holiday purposes is truly beautiful; cuckoo clocks of all sizes and cost, Swiss wares of varied description, chromos, photographs, artists materials, and many novelties of useful and ornamental design, are heaped up in greatest profusion, and ready for inspection.

S. D. WILSON.—The dealers in toys and fancy goods for little folks find their hands full this year, and are perplexed by the demands made by their pertinacious patrons. Mr. WILSON has at his two stores in this City and one in Brooklyn a great variety of things suitable for children, and particularly adapted to the needs of fairs.

M. J. PAILLARD & CO.—A musical box that can play one tune is quite an affair, but a musical box that can play seventy-two tunes without stopping to take breath, beats the Dutch. Such a one PAILLARD tells us he has at his rooms, and by its side are many others ranging in price from a modest five to a stupendous two thousand. These boxes have become a decided institution and are deservedly popular.

R. C. BROWNING.—Among the many blessings to housekeepers in this time of blessings stands prominent the clothes-wringer. A saver of time, an economizer of strength, a husbander of clothing it deserves all the praise it receives and the popularity it enjoys. Mr. BROWNING is the general agent for their sale.

C. TAYLOR.—We never could understand the generosity or prudence of parties who sell their wares at cost; but that's their affair; and we find Mr. TAYLOR promising to dispose of, at that rate, a large assortment of furnishing goods for the use and wear of men, women and children.

A. FRANKFIELD.—This house advertises cuckoo clocks, ladies' watches, French clocks, jewelry and silverware.

BATCHELOR, CRISTADORO & MOTT.—These benevolent individuals undertake to cover up the ravages that old Time makes upon us all, furnishing a rich and lustrous dye for those who have gray hair and elegant wigs, toupees and all that for such as have no hair at all.

FREEMAN & RYER.—This house has a large assortment of fine fancy goods for the holidays, consisting of fans, clocks, statuettes, crystal, gilt, papier mache, rosewood, ebony and leather desks and a great variety of rich goods imported for this season's trade.

QUINCH & KRUGLER.—As agents for manufactures, these gentlemen promise to sell a large stock of gold and silver watches at wholesale prices during the holidays.

S. W. SMITH.—A paradise for children seems to be the motto of this establishment, and we all know that whoever is careful of little children here, will be well cared for himself hereafter. A most unreasonable and very naughty boy would he be who could not be pleased with the patent cantering horses, propellers, swings, clippers, stick horses and other toys which SMITH has on hand, and would gladly part with in lots to please his little patrons.

UNION ADAMS.—It is fortunate for people of the masculine persuasion that such a man as Mr. ADAMS comes to their assistance, and provides for their use undergarments, scarfs, shirts, collars, croquet stockings, zephyr-knitted shawls, and the scores of unmentionable articles so useful to humanity in Winter weather. He has a large assortment of these garments, and announces the fact conspicuously.

FORD, TUPPER & BEHAN.—All kinds of watches, jewelry and sterling silverware are advertised by this well and favorably known house.

GAYNOR.—Mr. GAYNOR announces the "Jerome Skirt," which was designed expressly for him by a lady in society, and with which he expects to make a sensation in the world of fashion; also, cashmeres, alpacas, French coutille and embroidered corsets, and many other articles for the use of ladies and children.

WM. KINZEY.—Prior to closing his store and selling his fixtures Mr. KINZEY desires to furnish his friends and the public with any quantity of handkerchiefs, ribbons, gimps, collars, hose, shawls and other toilet articles of a desirable nature for his fair customers.

R. H. MACY.—This house has gone into the doll baby business with a rush, and offers for the comfort and edification of the younger ladies an immense assortment of French, German, Swiss, Bohemian and Austrain dolls, fancy goods, games and toys of all kinds at popular prices.

These form the second branch of our Christmas and holiday advertisers, whose claims for preference are well set forth in their tempting announcements.

The Gale on the Coast.

HALIFAX, N. S., Monday, Dec. 17.

A heavy northeast gale, accompanied by snow, is prevailing this morning.

The bark *Bismarck* went ashore in the Gut of Canso on Saturday, also the brig *Edwin Daniel* in Little River. No particulars are received.

The Best Testimony.

GEO. H. COLLINS deposed before the Commissioner of Patents: "I have long regarded the Wheeler & Wilson machine as the most ingenious in plan and the most remarkable in its performance. The wide range of work to which it is adapted, the great rapidity of its movement and its almost noiseless execution are due to its peculiar construction. I am satisfied that one of these machines will do eight or ten times as much as can be done by hand, and quite one-fifth more than any other two-thread machine will do. *With very trifling repairs, it will run ten years.* No machine of equal merit has ever been under my observation."—*French Messenger.*

To Missionaries, Master of Lodges and Benevolent Institutions.

Cases are constantly occurring where the wants of a destitute family must be relieved temporarily by pecuniary help, while the best interests of the needy generally demand that more permanent aid should be rendered, if possible, by placing the parties in a position to support themselves; thus, many widows and others, who would be utterly unable to do so, either by their needle or in any other way, can be put in the way of earning enough with the help of a sewing-machine. Any good needle-woman, of average capacity, can, in a short time, learn to operate the Wheeler & Wilson, which is well adapted to a large variety of shop and all kinds of family work.

Through the accustomed liberality of Wheeler & Wilson, we are are enabled to supply their sewing-machines for the benefit of the "Hall and Asylum Fund." to those enabled to pay the full price on delivery—receiving part then, balance in monthly installments. All applications should be made to J. T. ELLIS, at the Masonic Fair, corner Grand and Crosby sts., or No. 939 Broadway, New-York.—*Evening Post.*

The Best Family Sewing-Machine.

The Committee on Sewing-Machines at the New-York State Fair of 1866 report as follows:

"We find the ELLIPTIC LOCK-STITCH SEWING-MACHINE to be SUPERIOR to all others in the following points, viz.:

"Simplicity and Thoroughness of Mechanical Construction!

"Ease of Operation and Management!

"Noiselessness and Rapidity of Movement!

"Beauty, Strength and Elasticity of Stitch!

"Variety and Perfection of Attachments and Range of Work!

"Compactness and Beauty of Model and Finish!

"Adaptation to Material of any thickness by an adjustable feed-bar; and, in the

"Unequaled Precision with which it executes the Lock-Stitch, by means of the Elliptic Hook, and we therefore award it the First Premium as the

"BEST FAMILY SEWING-MACHINE,

and also for

"BEST DOUBLE-THREAD SEWING-MACHINE."—*Sun.*

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PRESENTATION FESTIVAL, No. 616 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1866.

At the earnest solicitation of many prominent citizens, and to meet the pressing demands made upon us, and to afford all an opportunity who desire to assist in furthering the beneficial object for which this enterprise is conducted, we have, with the approbation of the officers and managers of the Home, concluded to continue the sale of tickets beyond the 200,000. The number and value of the presents will be increased in exact proportion to the whole number of tickets sold, thus guaranteeing to every ticket holder an equal chance, as in the original schedule.

THOMAS & CO., Managing Directors.

DECEMBER, 15, 1866.

In order to promote public confidence in the highest degree the officers and managers of "The Home" have consented to assume the responsibility of the custody of the funds received by us. All money, as soon as received, is deposited in the Eighth National Bank, and all payments for articles purchased, or other expenses, are made out of the funds so deposited, by check of N. H. DAVIS, Agent of the institution, indorsed by us.

A Committee consisting of three gentlemen of the Ladies' Advisory Committee purchase all the articles to be presented, and a Committee composed of Major-Gen. Van Vliet, Quartermaster-General of the Department of New-York; Major-Gen. Barlow, Secretary of State; Andrew Warner, Secretary of the Bank for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks; William Orton, President of the American Telegraph Company, and John H. White, Esq., counsellor-at-law, will have the direction of the manner of distribution.

THOMAS & CO.,
Managing Directors,
No. 616 Broadway.

In view of presenting something worthy of the successful leader of our armies, Leutze's fine portrait, life size, of Gen. Grant in his tent, for which the General personally sat, value $1,200, will be one of the prizes. It is now on view in the office for the sale of tickets, No. 616 Broadway.

The foregoing card is published with our sanction.
Mrs. CHAS. P. DALY, Acting President.
Mrs. DAVID HOYT, Secretary.
Mrs. J. S. VOORHIES, Treasurer.

—*Sunday News.* [*Advertisement.*

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HALLIDAY—WHINFIELD.—In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, Dec. 8, by Rev. Lawrence Mills, SEYMOUR HALLIDAY, of Jacksonville, Fla., to HARRIET WHINFIELD, daughter of Henry Whinfield, Esq.

STEELE—PORTER.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11, by Rev. U. D. Morgan, at Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Rev. THOMAS CLARKE STEELE, of near Pittsburgh, Penn., to KATE B. CORBIN, daughter of Col. Edmund J. Porter.

SUYDAM—HAMMOND.—On Thursday, Dec. 6, at Mill Grove, Richland District, S. C., by Rev. N. W. Edmonds, CHARLES H. SUYDAM, M. D., of New-Brunswick, N. J., to CORNELIA, only daughter of the late Col. John Z. Hammond, of Winnsboro, S. C. No cards.

DIED.

BUTLER.—On Monday, Dec. 17, of consumption, in the 37th year of his age, JOHN T. BUTLER, formerly of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.

His funeral will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 2 o'clock P. M., from his late residence, Nelson-st., near Court, South Brooklyn.

BURLOCK.—On Friday, Dec. 14, at Birmingham, Conn., MARGARETTA LOUISE, wife of Wm. E. Burlock, aged 27 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Birmingham, Conn. Trains connecting with the Naugatuck Railroad at Bridgeport leave New-Haven Railroad Depot at 8 A. M.; returning, leave Birmingham at 4:20 P. M.

COMPTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 16, from the effects of explosion of phosgene, WM. COMPTON, aged 47 years.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, 19th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Friends are respectfully invited to attend at his late residence, Compton House, corner 24th-st. and 3d-av.

CROMWELL.—On Saturday evening, Dec. 15, DANIEL CROMWELL, Jr., aged 41 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 225 East 32d-st., on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

DE PEYSTER.—On Saturday, Dec. 15, MARGARET J., daughter of the late FREDERIC DE PEYSTER.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from Grace Church, corner of Broadway and 10th-st., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 18, at 10 o'clock.

ERBEN.—On Saturday last, Dec. 15, ELIZABETH K. ERBEN, in the 98th year of her age, relict of the late Peter Erben, and daughter of Rev. Michael Kern.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her sons Henry, Michael and Peter Erben, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway, this day, (Tuesday,) the 18th inst., at 2 o'clock, without further invitation.

HANFORD.—In Jersey City, on Monday morning, Dec. 17, of consumption, in his 40th year, THEOPHILUS T. HANFORD.

His remains will be taken to Marlboro, Ulster County, N. Y.; will be interred Wednesday afternoon.

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HOYT.—At Orange, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, at 6 o'clock, of apoplexy, Rev. JAMES HOYT, in the 49th year of his age, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that place.

Notice of the funeral will be given in to-morrow's papers.

JONES.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, Dec. 16, DAVID JONES, of Wales, aged 60 years.

The funeral will place from his late residence, No. 38 Dean-st., Brooklyn, this day, (Tuesday,) at 2 P. M. Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

MERRELL.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 16, SUSANNAH, widow of the late William Merrell, aged 87 years and 1 day.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her son, John G. Merrell, also of her son in-law, John Martin, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 41 West Washington-place, without further notice.

PEET.—At East Hampton, Mass., suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 17, Mr. FREDERICK T. PEET, of Brooklyn, aged 66 years.

The funeral services will take place in St. Ann's Church, corner of Sands and Washington sts., Brooklyn, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

SHIERS.—On Monday, Dec. 17, ANNE R. SHIERS, widow of the late Thomas Shiers.

The friends of her family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 77 West 12th-st., on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 10 A. M.

THOMAS.—On Monday, Dec. 17, CHARLES F., only child of Chas. F. and Electa D. Thomas, aged 2 years, 1 month and 12 days.

Funeral services at the house of his parents, No. 315 Lexington-av., on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

TITUS.—On Second Day morning, the 17th inst., after a lingering illness, EMMA, daughter of William P. and Ann H. Titus, aged 15 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from Friends' Meeting-house at Westbury, on Fifth Day, 20th inst., at 11 o'clock. Trains leave Hunter's Point at 9½ o'clock A. M. Carriages will be in waiting at the depot in Westbury.

VOORHEES.—At Elizabeth, N. J., on Sunday, Dec. 16, EVERT S. VOORHEES, aged 65 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday at 11½ A. M., from his late residence, No. 142 Water-st., Elizabeth, N. J.

WOOD.—On Monday morning, Dec. 17, after a short illness, CHARLES FRAPRIE, son of Charles and Catharine M. Wood, aged 7 years, 11 months and 17 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 124 East 50th-st., on Wednesday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

OFFICIAL.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1866.

Information has been received at this Department from Mr. James De Long, the Consul of the United States at Aux Cayes, Hayti, of the death on the 9th of November last, at Aux Cayes, of THOMAS J. KING, master, and the mate and steward of the schooner *Astoria*, lately arrived from New-York.

OFFICIAL.—[No. 107.]

CORONER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

The body of an unknown man was found at Pier No. 8 East River, aged about thirty years, stout built, dark hair, blue eyes, full face, side whiskers; dressed as follows: no hat, black coat, dark vest, dark ribbed pants, good boots. Body sent to the Morgue for identification. For further particulars apply at the Coroner's Office, No. 4 Centre-street.

W. C. GOVER, Coroner.

OFFICIAL.—[No. 108.]

CORONER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

The body of an unknown man was found at foot of Thirtieth-street, North River, aged about thirty years, stout built, dark hair; dressed as follows: no hat, no coat, no vest, dark pants, blue shirt. Body sent to the Morgue for identification.

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Nos.	14,495	14,496	14,932	15,159	15,160	15,161	16,761
Nos.	16,762	16,763	16,764	16,765	16,766	16,767	16,768
Nos.	16,769	16,770	16,771	16,772	16,773	16,774	16,775
Nos.	16,776	16,777	16,778	16,779	16,780	16,781	16,782
Nos.	16,783	16,784	16,785	16,786	16,787	16,788	16,789
Nos.	16,790	16,791	16,792	16,793	16,794	16,795	16,796
Nos.	16,797	16,798	16,799	16,800	5,989	14,026	

6 per cent. Coupon 1881 Bonds, $1,000 each.
Payable to the order of Adam Norrie and Benjamin B. Sherman, Committee, and not indorsed.

Nos.	65,997	65,998	65,999	66,000	66,001	66,002	66,003
Nos.	66,004	66,005	66,006	66,007	66,008	66,009	66,010
Nos.	66,011	66,012	66,013	66,014	66,015	66,016	66,017
Nos.	66,018	66,019	66,020	66,021	66,022		

7-30 Bonds, $1,000 each.

Nos.	12,099	20,899	25,045	25,046	25,047	25,940	34,556
Nos.	75,389	116,634	117,827	117,828	117,829	117,830	117,831
Nos.	118,903	124,719					

5-20 Bonds, $1,000 each.

Nos.	36,551	38,870	38,856	38,893	38,897	38,804	38,808
Nos.	28,867	28,868					

6 per cent. 1881 Bonds, $1,000 each.

Nos.	8,902	8,906	8,903	8,894	8,908	8,910	8,909
Nos.	8,911	8,907	8,904	8,899	8,905	8,901	8,900
Nos.	8,898	8,896	8,897	8,895			

6 per cent. 1881 Bonds, $500 each.

Nos.	1,267	1,266	1,264	1,265	15,486	15,487

U. S. Coupon Bonds, 5 per cent. 10-40, $1,000 each.
Nos. 35,289 35,813 38,814 122,642
U. S. Coupon Bonds, 5 per cent. 10-40, $500 each.

Nos.	35,275	35,276	35,277	35,278	35,279	35,280	35,281
Nos.	35,282						

Registered stock of 1881, $10,000 each.
Nos. 9,662 9,663 9,664
Registered stock of 1881, $5,000 each.
Nos. 7,224 7,248 7,279 7,280 7,281 7,282 6,911
Nos. 2,618
Registered stock of 1881, $1,000 each.
Nos. 17,404 18,338 18,339 18,340 18,254
7-30 per cent. Bonds.
Nos. 1,762 1,763, $5,000 each. No. 11,373, $1,000.
No. 56 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, 11th December, 1866.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK. NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1866.

The annual election for Eleven Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking Room on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.

Polls open from 11 to 12 A. M.
J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST., ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS,

Of all denominations, can be obtained at this office at the full commissions allowed by law, viz.: On amounts of fifty dollars and upward, 2 per cent.; one hundred dollars and upward, 3 per cent.; five hundred dollars and upward, 4 per cent.; one thousand dollars and upward, 5 per cent.; the commissions being payable in stamps.
H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE stockholders of the WASHINGTON MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, of the City of New-York:

That at a special meeting of the Directors of said Company, held at their office, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1866, in view of a deficiency in the capital of said Company, caused by unprecedented marine disasters, and under and in pursuance of section 11 of the charter of said Company, and of the statute in such case made and provided, it was unanimously resolved that an assessment of forty per cent. be and the same was accordingly duly assessed upon each and every share of the capital stock of said Company, payable at the office of said Company, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on or before the 3d day of January, 1867.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1866.
A. L. McCARTHY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., No. 51 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1866.

AN ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN DIRECtors of this institution, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 o'clock P. M. R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF GEO. K. SISTARE, (Adjoining Howe & Macy,) No. 20 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1866.

REGISTERED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STOCKS given in exchange for 5-20 Coupon Bonds and United States 7.3-10s. $40,000 New-York County Sixes (6s) for sale at a liberal discount.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank, for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, Broadway and Chambers sts., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

SUSQUEHANNA, WYOMING VALLEY RAILROAD AND COAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 17 Trinity Building, on TUESDAY, the 22d of January, 1867, at 3 o'clock P. M.
ELLIS POTTER, Secretary.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL election for directors of the first-class of the NORTH AMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19. Polls open from 3 to 5 o'clock P. M.
J. W. MERRILL, Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next. The poll will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.—THE annual election for fifteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 680 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the eighth day of January, 1867, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.
WM. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE SOUTHWEST Pacific R. R. Co.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST GUARANTEED BY THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, IN COUPON BONDS OF $1,000 EACH, TWENTY YEARS TO RUN. DUE SEPT. 15, 1886.

INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK ON THE FIRST DAYS OF JANUARY AND JULY.

These Bonds are issued on 77 miles of completed road, now in operation to Rolla, in the State of Missouri, which cost to construct.................$4,500,000
And 13 miles of road graded, with material on hand, to be completed by Jan. 1, 1867, at a cost of.................500,000
Together with 260,000 acres of land, now being disposed of at a minimum of $5 per acre, (maximum $40).................1,300,000
Say present total value of.................$6,300,000

THE AMOUNT OF BONDS ISSUED IS $2,000,000.

SECURED BY MORTGAGE TO JOHN P. YELVERTON AND CHAS. H. WARD, OF NEW-YORK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE ABOVE NAMED PROPERTY.

By a provision of this Mortgage, when lands are sold to the amount of $40,000, it is to constitute a special fund for the redemption of a like amount of these Bonds at a rate not exceeding 105 per cent. They are also receivable at PAR by the Company in payment of its sales of lands.

At St. Louis this road connects with all the Eastern railways, and runs west through the most attractive parts of the State of Missouri, via Franklin, St. James, Rolla, Lebanon, Marshfield, Granby (lead mines) and Neosho, to the west line of the State. At Springfield it will connect with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (its eastern terminus) to the Pacific.

When completed, it will present a road of 310 miles in length, costing about.................$12,000,000
With 1,036,000 acres of land, valued at.................10,000,000
Showing a total value of.................$22,000,000
With a total amount of bonds authorized, with the guarantee as above, of.................$7,250,000
Which may be issued at a rate not exceeding $25,000 per mile of completed work as it progresses.

Of the present issue of $2,000,000 of bonds, the sum of $500,000 is now offered for sale at the low rate of 80 per cent. The Company will advance the rate to 85 per cent. on the 1st January instant.

For further particulars apply to
WARD & CO., Bankers, No. 54 Wall-st., New-York.

VERMILYE & CO., NO. 44 WALL-ST.,

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT STOCKS AND COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

CLOSING PRICES. NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered '81	107¾	108¼	June, 7-30	105¼	105¾
Coupon, 1881	111¾	112	July, 7-30	105¼	105½
5-20 Regist'd '62	106	106¾	June, C.I.Nt's, '64	116	116½
5-20 Coupon, '62	107¾	107¾	July, C.I.Nt's, '64	115½	116
5-20 Coupon, '64	105¾	106¼	Aug., C.I.Nt's, '64	115	115½
5-20 Coupon, '65	105¾	106¼	Oct., C.I.Nt's, '64	114½	115
5-20 " new. '65	108¼	108¾	Dec., C.I.Nt's, '64	113	113½
10-40 Registered	99¼	99¾	May, C.I.Nt's, '65	111½	111¾
10-40 Coupon	99¾	100	Aug., C.I.Nt's, '65	110½	110½
Gold	138	138¼	Sept., C.I.Nt's, '65	110½	110½
August, 7-30	105¼	105¾	Oct., C.I.Nt's, '65	109¾	110¼

L. P. MORTON & CO., BANKERS, NO. 30 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, are prepared to receive subscriptions for shares in the INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, incorporated under the laws of the State of New-York.

CAPITAL.................$1,500,000 IN 15,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH.

DEPOSIT ON SUBSCRIPTIONS TEN PER CENT., THE BALANCE IN INSTALLMENTS AS CALLED FOR FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

PRESIDENT, WILLIAM F. SMITH, (Brevet Major-Gen., U. S. A.)
VICE PRESIDENT, ALEXANDER HAMILTON, JR.
SECRETARY, ALFRED PELL, JR.
TREASURER, MATURIN L. DELAFIELD.
DIRECTORS:
ALEX. HAMILTON, JR., CAMB. LIVINGSTON,
CHARLES KNAP, WM. T. BLODGETT,
WILLIAM F. SMITH, EDW. M. ARCHIBALD,
MAT. L. DELAFIELD, OLIVER K. KING,
JAMES A. SCHRYMSER, ALFRED PELL, JR.
COUNSEL: ALEX. HAMILTON, JR., ESQ., SAMUEL E. LYON, ESQ.

OFFICE NO. 45 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.

The International Ocean Telegraph Company is organized to connect the United States by way of Florida with Cuba, the other West Indian Islands, and, by extensions to the Isthmus of Panama, to connect telegraphically with South and Central America and the continents of Europe and Africa.

The Company has obtained the following grants:
An exclusive grant from the United States for 14 years.
An exclusive grant from the State of Florida for 20 years.
A exclusive grant from the Spanish Government for 40 years, for Cuba and Porto Rico.
A grant from the Dominican Republic.

The first cable will be laid from Key West to Havana, where it will connect with the telegraph lines extending over the island.

Responsible parties have offered to contract for cables of the most approved kind, payments of same to be made after they have been laid and been in successful operation for a reasonable time.

CAPITAL $5,000,000.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors, will be held at their Banking Room on the second Tuesday in January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
By order of the Board.
B. SEMAN, Cashier.

GREENLEAF, NORRIS & CO., BANKERS AND BROKERS, NO. 6 NEW-ST., Stock Exchange Building, NEW-YORK.
A. W. GREENLEAF, BENSON VAN VLIET,
JOHN B. NORRIS, M. F. HAZEN.

ELECTION NOTICE.

HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST.

An election for Directors of this Company for the ensuing year will be held on MONDAY, Jan. 7, 1867, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock P. M.
JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

GENERAL OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company is hereby ordered to convene at the office of the Company, No. 80 Broadway, New-York, on MONDAY, Jan. 14, 1867, at 3 o'clock P. M., with a view to increase the capital stock of the company from three thousand (3,000) shares, $300,000, to ten thousand (10,000) shares, $1,000,000, and to alter, amend, or change the bylaws and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. C. H. SANBORN, President.
C. H. SANBORN, LEVI GRAY, } A majority of the Trustees.

OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., AS REORGANIZED, CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1866.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company, at the agency in New-York City, and at this office, will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January, proximo, inclusive.
WM. E. WATSON, Secretary.

Parties holding certificates of stock discharged from the Chillicothe books, are requested to surrender them at the New-York agency for registry before the closing of the transfer-books.

GENERAL OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETing for the election of Trustees of this Company, for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 80 Broadway, New-York, on MONDAY, Jan. 14, 1867, at 11 o'clock A. M. The annual meeting of the Trustees for the election of officers will be held the same day at the same place. C. H. SANBORN, President.

FOR SALE—42D AND GRAND-ST. FERRY RAILROAD, 3d-Avenue Railroad, Central Park, North and East River (Belt) Railroad Company Stocks, all at low rates.

Also, Insurance Stocks and other Securities for investment.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Stock Broker and Auctioneer, No. 43 Pine-st., N. Y.

THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETing of the stockholders of this bank will be held at their banking-rooms, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year. C. S. STEVENSON, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking rooms, corner Broadway and Murray-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.
Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the Board.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M. J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MINNESOTA,

which are only $10,000 per mile on finished road. For sale by TURNER BROTHERS, Bankers, corner of Nassau and Pine sts.

A SECRETARY WANTED FOR A chartered company, who can control $5,000 to $10,000. Call on or address J. P. MARSHALL, No. 155 Broadway, Room 22.

DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer-books will close on the 17th inst., and reopen on the 2d day of January next.
W. BEMENT, Treasurer.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY CO., No. 57 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a Dividend of Seven per Cent., less Government tax, on the preferred stock of this Company for the year ending the 1st day of December next, payable on and after the 17th day of December next in the preferred stock of the Company, at par, to holders of said stock as shown by the books of the Company on the 1st day of December. The Transfer-Books will be closed on the afternoon of the 1st of December, and open on the morning of the 18th. Fractional parts of a share of the Dividend declared will be paid for in cash by the Treasurer at the rate of the price of the stock on the 18th December instant.
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION TRUST COMPANY, No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of New-York, have declared a dividend on its capital stock of four per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the second day of January next.
W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 5th of January, 1867. W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

THE "INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS," and others, No. 516 Broadway, has declared a dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., and payable MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867, at the following rates per annum: Six per Cent. on sums of from $5 to $500, and Five per Cent. on larger sums, free from Government tax. MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
DEC. 13, 1866.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866. HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of 5 per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 1, 1867.
JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,

OFFICE CORNER OF BROADWAY AND LIBERTY-STREET.
F. S. WINSTON, President.

Cash Assets, Nov. 1, 1866. $17,316,001 83.

This Company issues Life, Endowment and Paid-up Policies, in various forms, and at rates as favorable as is consistent with security.

DIVIDENDS ANNUAL AND IN CASH, which may be used in payment of premiums, or on paid-up policies, as an annual CASH INCOME TO THE ASSURED.

Attention is called to the INSTALMENT FEATURE, Securing to the beneficiaries annuities for any number of years after the death of the assured.

RICHARD A. McCURDY, V. P.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.
ISAAC ABBATT, JOHN M. STUART, } Secretaries.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION. No. 96 Warren-st.

Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto, free of Government tax. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Sec'y.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION, NO. 283 BOWERY.

Six per cent. interest (free from Government tax) allowed on sums of from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Jan. 2 will draw interest from that date.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.
STEPHEN CUTTER, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 3 CHAMBERS-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY NOTIfied that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on all sums from $1 to $500, and at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on all sums over $500, which have been deposited for the space of six and three months previous to the 1st day of January, 1867, payable on and after the 21st day of January next. Interest not called for will be added to the principal and draw interest as if deposited previous to the 1st of January.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. till 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 P. M.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.
WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK, No. 10 COOPER INSTITUTE, 3d-av.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED on all sums from $1 to $5,000, free from Government tax.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from 1st inst. ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
WM. J. BARNES, Secretary.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

$450 WANTED.—A PARTNER IN AN ESTABLISHED cash business, paying regularly from $200 to $250 per month. Good reasons for disposing to a good capable business man. This is a rare opportunity. Price, $450. Apply to HILL & CO., No. 81 Nassau-st., Room No. 8½.

A GENTLEMAN OF EXPERIENCE IN the domestic commission business, wishes a partner with capital. Address F. SMITH, Box No. 164 *Times* Office.

A MANUFACTURER OF AN ARTICLE of large sales in City and country, would like a partner with capital. Address S. P., Box No. 164 *Times* Office.

THE ABINGDON TEA-STORE, NO. 14 8th-av., with lease, fixtures, a full stock of goods, and an outside cash trade for sale. Price $1,300.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN CHANCERY.—ADVERTISEMENT TO NEXT OF KIN.—Cause petition under the Court of Chancery (Ireland) regulation, Act 1850, sec. 15.—In the matter of EDWARD BYRNE and MARGARET BYRNE, otherwise NOLAN, his wife, petitioners, CATHARINE MULLIGAN, PATRICK MULLIGAN, HUGH MULLIGAN, the younger, and FELIX MULLIGAN, respondents. I hereby require all persons claiming to be next of kin of JOHN NOLAN, late of Lower Kevin-street, in the City of Dublin, deceased, on or before the first day of February next, to furnish in writing to the petitioners, or to their solicitor, THOMAS G. WHITE, No. 20 Ushers Quay, Dublin, the amount and particulars of their several demands as such next of kin, in order that the petitioners may without any expense to them, prove in this matter such, or so much of their demands as they shall think just, of the allowance or disallowance of which, or any part of same, said next of kin shall receive due notice; and all such next of kin whose demands shall be disallowed, either wholly or in part, shall at the peril of costs be at liberty to file charges in my office in respect of the claims or amounts so disallowed, within two months after they shall respectively have received notice of such disallowance. Dated this 15th day of November, 1866.
E. LITTEN, Master in Chancery.
THOMAS J. WHITE, Solicitor for the petitioners, No. 20 Ushers Quay, Dublin, Ireland.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK—HENRY A. GARRETT, JAMES R. CLARK, JR., EDWIN D. GRISWOLD and JAMES R. CORDNER, Plaintiffs, against ELLERY C. FOLGER and PERCY W. TIBBS, Defendants.—Summons for a money demand on contract.—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at my office, No. 243 Broadway, in said City, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of thirteen hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, with interest on the same from the 13th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, besides the cost of this action.—Dated New-York, Nov. 13, 1866. CHARLES H. SMITH, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

The said complaint was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in said City, on Dec. 10, 1866. CHAS. H. SMITH, Plaintiffs' Attorney.
[U. S. Inter. Rev. 50-cent stamp, canceled.] d11-law6wTu.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROSWELL C. BRAINARD, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against EDWIN S. PORTER, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the administrators, at the office of William Porter, Jr., No. 271 Pearl-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 18th day of April next.
DATED Oct. 11, 1866.
MARY JANE PORTER, WILLIAM PORTER, Jr., } Administrators.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROSWELL C. BRAINARD, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against THOMAS M. McLEAN, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the Executors, at the office of WILLIAM LINTZ, No. 165 Maiden-lane, in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of March next.—Dated Sept. 14, 1866. EDWIN L. ABEL, WILLIAM LINTZ. } Executors.
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VALENTINES.

THE NEW-YORK UNION VALENTINE COMPANY have an immense stock of valentines on exhibition (to the trade) at their salesrooms Nos. 134 and 128 William-st., New-York.

DRY GOODS.

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WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT SCOTCH WOman a situation as cook and assist in the washing; understands her business thoroughly; has good City reference. Can be seen at the Protestant Agency, No. 125 4th-av., near 13th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS cook, who understands French, English and American cooking; no objections to go a short distance in the country; good City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 64 West Washington-place.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG WOman to do chamberwork and waiting, or as nurse; can take care of a baby from its birth; is a good sewer; City reference. Call at No. 411 6th-av., near 24th-st., second floor, front.

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WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation as waitress in a private family; has the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 52 West 16th-st.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN, A SITUation as first-class cook and assist with the housekeeping. Apply by letter for two weeks to A. McC., care of R. Drysdel, No. 21 5th-st.

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WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant woman a situation as first-class cook; good City reference. Apply at No. 81 West 33d-st., between 6th and 7th avs.; can be seen for two days.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, widow, to take in washing or to go out washing the two first days of the week; good City reference. Call at No. 169 East 22d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN a situation as cook; understands cooking in all its branches; would assist in washing; has the best of reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 14 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD COMpetent woman as first-class cook; can furnish the best of references. Call at No. 116 East 22d-st., between 2d and 3d avs., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS HOUSEKEEPER by a lady well qualified; if required will teach English to young children; has no objections to the country. Address or call at No. 287 Jay-st., Brooklyn.

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WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN BY a steady man; understands his business; is a careful City driver, or would be willing to go in the country; understands the milking of cows and taking care of a gentleman's place; first-class City and country references. Address J. K., Box No. 208 *Times* Office.

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$5 REWARD.—LOST ON FRIDAY EVENING, on stepping into the carriage at No. 75 5th-av., a GOLD BRACELET, with locket attached. The finder will receive the above reward by applying at No. 132 West 23d-st.

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WANTED—A MAN WHO IS THOROUGHLY experienced in the manufacture of Jellies, Preserves, Syrups, &c., to come to Philadelphia, where a steady situation is offered in an establishment to a reliable person; none but men of the best experience and ability need apply. Address L. & F., Box No. 1,819 Philadelphia Post-office, stating qualifications, references, age and amount of salary required.

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WANTED—A WET NURSE FOR AN INFANT four days old. Inquire at No. 204 West 29th-st., between 8th and 9th avs., from 10 to 11 o'clock A. M.

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PROPOSALS.

TO ARCHITECTS. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Architects are invited to prepare plans and specifications, and estimates of cost, for new fire-proof buildings for the War Department, on the site now occupied by the War Department and adjacent vacant ground, in Washington, D. C.

The buildings required should have a superficial area as large as the site selected will admit of. Photographs of site, and all other information relating to the subject, will be furnished to Architects desiring to compete for the work, upon application, personally or by letter, to the undersigned.

A premium of $3,000 for the first, of $2,000 for the second, and $1,000 for the third most acceptable plans and specifications received, will be awarded, upon the approval of the Hon. Secretary of War, by the Board of Officers charged with the duty of selecting a site and preparing plans and specifications for the buildings of the War Department under act of Congress approved July 28, 1866.

The plans and specifications must be sent to the office of Brevet Lieut.-Col. T. J. Treadwell, Recorder of the Board, Ordnance Office, Winder's Building, Washington, D. C., on or before the first day of February, 1867.

The Board will reserve the right to reject any or all plans submitted, should none be deemed suitable for the purpose, as well as to retain any or all of such plans.

By order of the Board.
T. J. TREADWELL, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. A., Recorder.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. N., NO. 29 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 12 M. the 28th of December, 1866, for the following description of granite, to be delivered immediately, free of expense to the Government, at the New-York Navy-yard, and subject to the usual inspection thereat:

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20,000 cubic feet rough-cut Eastern granite, one-third to be 16 feet long and 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 10 to 13 feet long and 3½ to 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 6 to 9 feet long and from 3½ to 3 feet wide—all to dress exactly 18 inches in thickness. The stone to be sound, free from holes, and to be rough dressed all round.

20,000 cubic feet Eastern granite for wall above low water; to be from 4 to 10 feet long, 3 to 4 feet wide, and 18 inches in thickness. Beds, builds and joints to be rough-cut, and have full joints, all to be cut so as to form a good bend, 4,515 square feet face, to have chiseled arris, one inch wide, and to be neatly pointed, and free from holes; batter of face 1½ inch to the foot.

Responsible security will be required for the prompt and faithful delivery of the above. Blank forms for bidders to be had at this office.
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Old ware repaired and replated.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF METROPOLITAN ENGINE COMPANY No. 39, held at their house in 85th-st., near 3d-av., on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, 1866, it was

Resolved, That, as Mr. Jno. R. Higbie, one of our most worthy members, and a dearly beloved brother, having been called from our midst by the hand of an Allwise Providence;

Resolved, That, having left us, we sincerely mourn the loss of one who has endeared himself to us by lasting ties of friendship and brotherly love; and be it further

Resolved, That we do tender to the bereaved widow and family our sincere condolence in the hour of her sad affliction, and that we attend his funeral as a body from his late residence, 82d-st., between 2d and 3d avs., on TUESDAY, Dec. 18, 1866, at 2 o'clock P. M., wearing the usual badge of mourning; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested and suitably engrossed, be tendered to his widow and family.
C. W. MEHRER, J. M. FOOT, J. O. TOTTEN, } Committee.

TO CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS.—For sale cheap, 1 Transit, 1 Level, all new, manufactured at Troy, N. Y., at No. 47 Barclay-st., New-York.

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ARAGO, HENRY A. GADSDEN....Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.
And every twenty-eight days thereafter.
PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD
FIRST-CLASS:
Main Saloon.........$100 | Lower Saloon.........$80
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An experienced surgeon on board.
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HECLA..........Dec. 19
PALMYRA..........Jan. 2
RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin..........$80 Gold.
Steerage..........$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 69 Broadway.
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STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Londonderry to land mails and passengers.
The favorite passenger steamships of THE ANCHOR LINE SAIL EVERY SATURDAY.
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CALEDONIA sails..........SATURDAY, Dec. 22.
COLUMBIA sails..........SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
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To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry—Cabins, $90 and $70; steerage, $30.
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NOTICE.—THE STEAMSHIP IOWA, ANCHOR Line, sails TO-DAY, (Tuesday,) at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River, with passengers for Glasgow and Liverpool. Owing to the difficulty of getting the grain barges from the Atlantic Dock, she was prevented sailing on the day advertised, Saturday last.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
Passage to London, $90, $60 and $30 currency.
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WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Dec. 29.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Jan. 12.
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CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Feb. 16.
The new and elegant British iron steamship WILLIAM PENN, 3,000 tons, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
The accommodations for passengers on this ship are unsurpassed.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
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CITY OF DUBLIN..........WEDNESDAY......Dec. 26
CITY OF BOSTON..........SATURDAY......Dec. 29
CITY OF LIMERICK..........WEDNESDAY......Jan. 2
CITY OF CORK..........SATURDAY......Jan. 5
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.
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By the mail steamers sailing every Saturday.
First Cabin..........$90 | Steerage..........$30
First Cabin to London.. 95 | Steerage to London.......34
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PAYABLE IN GOLD.
Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $90; steerage, $30. Payable in United States currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR; AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 23.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........$150
Second Cabin Passage..........100
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........$125
Second Cabin Passage..........80
Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
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Steamers weekly to Liverpool, calling at Queenstown.
The splendid first-class iron steamships of this line will be dispatched as follows from Pier No. 47 North River:
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HELVITIA, Capt. THOMPSON..........SATURDAY, Dec. 29
ENGLAND, Capt. GRACE..........SATURDAY, Jan. 5
PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. LEWIS..........SATURDAY, Jan. 12
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An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge.
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ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 19.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 26.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........$132 50
Second Cabin Passage..........80 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........$112 50
Second Cabin Passage..........65 00
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PEREIRE..........DUCHESNE..........SATURDAY, Jan. 12
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT..........SATURDAY, Jan. 26
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
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RATES AFTER 1ST JANUARY, 1867.
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At Noon.
Passage money to Nassau..........$45
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Capt. VAN SICE, will sail for HAVANA SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 46 North River.
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CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL, VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:
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DEC. 31.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. ——, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVARLY.
All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
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Jan. 10, to follow, steamship SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. C. F. W. BEHM.

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The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR will sail on FRIDAY, Dec. 21, at 12 o'clock noon.
Freight received as usual.
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8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.
4:15 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping car attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:50 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:20 A. M.
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Leave James-slip, New-York:
9 A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3 P. M., Riverhead Express train.
4 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations, and on Saturday nights for North Islip.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY —Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 4:22 and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12 and 4:22, run through to Monsey.
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NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

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LECTURES.

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MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

An Inside View of the Condition of the Empire—What Maximilian Means to Do—Attitude of Napoleon—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 14, 1866.

After all MAXIMILIAN has not shaken from his sore head the thorny crown of the Mexican Empire. Somehow the purple seems to stick to the loins of the accidental monarch. The poor Archduke really appears to have been determined to play his part in the last act. Is he going to die on the stage, gathering his Imperial robes about him?

We have been told by well-informed correspondents that he was packing; that he had sold his furniture; that the wharves at Vera Cruz were covered with spoils gathered from poor Mexico. This is not all. The Executive had official and positive information, and seems to have acted accordingly. Is it possible that we have been sold? Is it possible that JUAREZ is not as yet to be met at Vera Cruz? Is it possible that the well-informed individual who represents our Government in the ante-rooms of MAXIMILIAN has allowed himself to be deceived, so far as to lead us into an unlucky temptation? It seems, alas! too true.

Of course an explanation is necessary, and I will try to give it. It is somewhat of a difficult task, for that Mexican game has many strange winding turns and sharp corners which may easily interfere with the clearness of an off-handed letter writer. I will do my best, however, and it may be that I shall be lucky enough to lift a corner of the curtain that obstinately drops before the scenes of the tragico-comic Mexican Imperial plot.

Although I do not intend at this time to touch the history of Creation, I must yet say a few words of the beginning of the Mexican Empire, so as to link together the chain of evidence.

NAPOLEON had defeated the Austrians in Italy. He had more difficulty in doing so than had recently the Prussians. Still he had effected it. The cautiously prudent nephew of his uncle believed that he could not do without the good-will of the house of Hapsburg, for how could he build up the supremacy of the Latin race without Austria? The reports of the French agents in the United States represented to their master the Great Republic as gasping for its last breath of life. An infamous speculator was accumulating false accounts against the Mexican Republic. NAPOLEON allowed himself to be flattered into the belief that the Mexicans belonged to the Latin race. Latin race, indeed! He allowed himself to be persuaded that he could enkindle the yet warm embers of the throne of Montezuma. Reluctantly the sons of France obeyed the order to embark for a land where they did not understand their presence needed to avenge a wrong done to their flag. From Vera Cruz to Mexico the road was hard to travel. According to most of the officers present Puebla could have been taken in twelve hours. But the unpopular FOREY had to gain his "baton de Marechal," and it took months to take Puebla. Even then it was taken by BAZAINE, in spite of FOREY. So NAPOLEON allowed himself to be deceived from first to last. FOREY could have arrived from Puebla at the City of Mexico in three days, but it did not suit his purpose to do so. He tried hard to win two or three great battles, but he could not force his soldiers to see an enemy on this road. In order to follow up and bake the loaf brown it was necessary, since there were no enemies to fight, that there should be a crowd of friends to receive the liberator FOREY. So an officer—indeed we may give his name, Baron POTTIER—was dispatched forward and ordered to prepare the ovation at any price. The Ayuntamento was ordered to be prepared with the keys of the city. But there were no keys to the doors of the City of Mexico; so keys were ordered in gold, and were dished upon silver. Triumphal arches were erected. Flowers were bought by the cart-load. The name of the hero was blazoned with laurel wreaths. Still there was one place vacant. One name more was necessary to fill up the number of side heroes. The Major-domo of the feast bravely placed the name of his father's son on the list of glory. FOREY was triumphantly received, and the French people footed the bill. And NAPOLEON was advised that his name was holy in the mouth of every Mexican. Now the next thing was to get up some Government for Mexico, for NAPOLEON's orders were to consult the people. There were, however, men interested to believe that it would please their master best if the will of the Mexican people should unanimously demand an Empire. The people were really not consulted. Hardly a semblance of vote was taken, and it was coolly written to Paris that the Mexicans demanded MAXIMILIAN. A deputation went forth. That deputation represented nobody but itself, but what of it? NAPOLEON was again gulled into believing himself an eminently great man.

MAXIMILIAN's debts, amounting to some $8,000,000, were paid by France, and the promising Archduke started on his venturesome expedition.

NAPOLEON chose MAXIMILIAN because of his connection with the house of the Hapsburgs, but also because he considered him to be the man equal to the task. Many sharp deeds have proved NAPOLEON to be a good judge of men. Still how does it happen that he so far misjudged on this occasion? It is true MAXIMILIAN enjoyed a certain popularity. But his spendthrift habits were proverbial. His originalities, as the French term it, marked him as a man unfit to be the founder of a great empire. Of his many undertakings he had not accomplished one. This is a question much agitated among the French officers of all ranks in Mexico. How did NAPOLEON make such a choice? Some few indeed, who still blindly trust to their Emperor for everything, tell you, "He had his reasons, Monsieur, to have a weak man in Mexico." The greater number, however, when discussing that Mexican business have nothing else to say but "*Il faiblit Monsieur, oui Monsieur Napoleon faiblit.*" Upon his arrival in Mexico there really seemed to have been a wish on the part of the people to receive him well. It was a real, popular, grand reception. Still the real character of the Mexican was bound to stick out on this occasion, and must have made a strange impression upon the poor, deluded monarch. After the fatigues of the reception there was not a bed to be found in the palace. None had been thought of and none could be provided for the first night. The young Princess burst into bitter tears, and probably then began to regret having accepted her Mexican Crown.

FOREY was recalled, and BAZAINE took the command of the French troops. They were scattered all over the territory, and took, with more or less trouble, possession of almost every city, one after another. BAZAINE himself had his own axe to grind, so he besieged a city, Oaxaca, which could positively have been taken by 1,500 men, and in two hours. But France has millions to spare, and a Marshal of France is a fine title, which is all the more becoming that it has cost the more money and the more men. Besides, it has to be tried if the Mexican tartine would not at last be swallowed by the French people, it well buttered with glory.

The young Emperor, while the French were doing the fighting, began his work, trying to drive the Liberals and the clericals in the same traces. This would not take. His own propensities led him to discard the clericals, and he fell into the hands of what are considered the real heads of the Liberals in Mexico.

The clergy, indignant at losing the power which they had thought to wield under the name of MAXIMILIAN, began then to butt against the Empire. CARLOTTA's ideas did not coincide with those of her husband. She never ceased to side with the clergy. By this time BAZAINE had found out that to be a Marshal could be topped by taking the place of MAXIMILIAN.

So there have always been three distinct influences at Court. The Liberals, headed by MAXIMILIAN, the clergy by CARLOTTA and the Marshal, who helped the confusion, in order to gobble up the whole concern.

Presently these three parties were divided into factions, so that nothing but confusion could be the result. MAXIMILIAN had money, and he squandered it in attempting to build all sorts of edifices. He began to dig walls that were never dug to the water. He planned and started roads that he did not finish. He ordered improvements that he countermanded a week afterwards. While the administration was getting from bad to worse, he was getting up early and sitting up late to write philosophical essays, and make collections in natural history. The favorite of to-day was the cast away of to-morrow. Of perhaps two thousand decrees, more or less useful, not one was ever executed except those that placed certain sums in certain hands.

One of the most prominent characteristics of MAXIMILIAN is that his temper is such that he has hardly ever kept a friend more than a few weeks or months. But two or three of his personal servants have ever been able to get along with him. CARLOTTA had brought with her from Germany several ladies of honor. They all abandoned her but one.

Favors were promised to-day and their fulfillment denied to-morrow. The Emperor would order and the Minister would not obey.

The demoralization was such at the Palace and in the Austrian and Belgian contingents, that a general pillage was the result. An Austrian Paymaster absconded with a large amount. The Austrian contingent amounted originally to 8,000. Disease, and battle, and desertion reduced it 2,000 to 3,000 men. Still the commander continued, till very lately, to draw the full pay for the 8,000 men. Of course that General has gone. The mules and horses of the Emperor were actually bartered away at the discretion of one or two of his attendants. Bills were left unpaid, and while the master scattered thousands of dollars in absurdities, the butcher, the baker and the cook were grumbling for their wages.

The French Marshal, of course, took advantage of every occasion to depreciate his adversary. He kept writing to Paris that MAXIMILIAN was driving things to the very verge of madness, but that the military situation was good. MAXIMILIAN in his turn continued to write complaining of BAZAINE, but asking for more money and more men, and for a change of commander.

Both agreed only on one point. That was, that the Mexican Empire was a great success, provided he was allowed his own way of administration. NAPOLEON kept promising the French Legislature that his troops would soon be able to leave Mexico; that their presence was no longer necessary; the Mexican Empire was a consolidated power; only a little more time, and a little more money, and a few more men were required, and so on to the last chapter. BAZAINE expected to squeeze MAXIMILIAN out, and MAXIMILIAN hoped to get rid of BAZAINE.

It may be conceived that sharp practices had full sway. MAXIMILIAN paid a Chief of Police, but the man was actually obeying BAZAINE and arranging plots and conspiracies, the reading of which was intended to frighten the Emperor. The poor soldiers, of course, paid for their leader's whistles. BAZAINE scattered them like chaff, sending them up and down in large and small bodies, as it suited what he called his political conceptions.

The French officers and troops were murmuring and even cursing their commander, still their military spirit is so good that they obeyed, and even went cheerfully about the herculean but useless work imposed on them.

As to the poor Austrians, headed by broken down Counts and Barons, who cared for nothing but the gambling table, they soon caved in. The Belgians also melted away like snow before the sun. The Belgian contingent has disappeared and the Austrian force is reduced to a few hundreds. The French soldiers are always regularly paid. France is generally punctual. But the ragged Austrians were months without receiving anything, the treasury being always empty, although the pockets of the officers were full.

In his perplexity NAPOLEON would now and then send over a wise man to study the situation. Upon their return the report of these men always was, "May it please your Majesty, everything is all right." One particularly, Mons. CORTA, pushed falsehood even to absurdity. He made speeches to the Deputies, proving that the Mexican scheme was the greatest ever conceived by NAPOLEON. This man, like the others, had landed at Vera Cruz, and traveled to the City of Mexico well escorted, finding at every station good lodgings and good wine, prepared beforehand. While in Mexico he had driven from one palace to another, spending his time in dining. EUGENIE was so pleased with the dear CORTA's report that he was made a senator. His speech was printed and distributed round. A copy was forwarded to every general officer in Mexico. We happened to be present at its reading by one of those unflinching truthful sons of Mars—*Quel menteur! Mon Dieu Quel menteur!* he kept exclaiming, as page after page and line after line showed the expression of an untruth. Indeed, the pamphlet contains, besides that speech of the excellent Monsieur CORTA, one equally as remarkable of Marshal FOREY to the Senate. It is a standing joke among the French soldiers in Mexico, it is short and sweet, and they know it by heart. "I know Mexico," says FOREY to the Senate, "and I am a good Catholic. As to PORFIRIO DIAZ, he is the most cruel rascal that ever breathed even the Mexican mountain air. He literally hangs infants to trees, using the bowels of the mother as a rope. Consequently all the Mexican Empire ought to be choked, and the Mexican Empire is a great invention. NAPOLEON is the greatest of men, and MAXIMILIAN, his creature, is a good young prince." Now this is as logical as the blows of the portly Marshal's sword. The best of the joke is that FOREY does not happen, any more than any other Marshal of France, to be a particularly good Catholic. Moreover, DIAZ, instead of being a cruel man, is a very good and humane Mexican, and indeed a favorite with the whole French army, for the French soldier is really fond of a brave enemy.

NAPOLEON dispatched other financiers and confidential men, but they were men of honor, and the terrible perplexity in which they were placed, by the necessity of being unable to accomplish what they were sent for, that making favorable reports, actually drove them mad. One, and the last, the learned Monsieur LANGLAIS, one of the most valuable lives belonging to the Council of State, after trying for a few weeks to work up the financial situation of the Empire, literally died in harness, to the great regret of every one acquainted with him, or his services to his country.

Mr. LANGLAIS account and his death outweighed everything in NAPOLEON's mind. It then became evident to him that he had been humbugged, and peremptory orders were issued at once to prepare the evacuation. NAPOLEON turned a deaf ear to all entreaties for men and money and time from MAXIMILIAN and BAZAINE, and from EUGENIE, who, like a true Spaniard, has from the first worked for the Empire of Mexico, persuaded that she was working for the Catholic religion.

Before going any further, it may be well to mention that the Imperial Mexican project has never had the sanction of the French people, and that it has been from the beginning, and will be to the last, the most unpopular undertaking of NAPOLEON. And, although he is withdrawing now, he will never hear the last of it, and it is likely to prove the cause of the downfall of himself and dynasty.

The death of M. LANGLAIS happened in February last, and, as I have said before, it was only then that NAPOLEON found out that he had been befogged all round.

Once deprived of the French subsidy, MAXIMILIAN soon found the bottom of his purse. Then again he thought that he would once more change his friends. Indeed, he seems to value a friend about as much as a rich man his overcoat. Not only was there a change of Ministry, but every office was remodeled, and every household intimate dropped off. Still he kept writing to NAPOLEON that BAZAINE was in his way; but BAZAINE is the sharper of the two, and he kept his ground.

The new Ministry could not find money, and they had to give up in despair. At last MAXIMILIAN found himself alone, and no Ministers to be had at any price. BAZAINE, for reasons of his own, took a long trip north, and left the bewildered Emperor to his own counsels, expecting that in his despair he would throw down the sceptre and leave. MAXIMILIAN had several times before manifested the wish to abdicate, if what he was asking were not granted. As he is subject to terrible fits of impatience, it was not, in BAZAINE's estimation, unlikely that the crown might be broken in one of those outbursts of temper. But relief came to MAXIMILIAN from a quarter whence it was not expected.

The Chief of Staff of Marshal BAZAINE is a man who has, with his pen, manufactured daily victories for the French troops in Mexico. He has the peculiar talent to write orders of the day complimentary to officers whose horses even had not appeared on the field of battle. This man had hitherto been considered as a useful tool, and was not at all suspected of possessing dangerous ambition. But Gen. OSMONT, during the absence of his superior, undertook to form a Ministry; another French General officer entered into the combination. In fact, it became at last a purely French Administration. Improvements and economy, and all that sort of thing, were to be the consequence. But, alas! BAZAINE soon came back, and he simply ordered his Generals to withdraw from the Ministry or give up their commissions in the French army.

The shrewd Frenchman, Minister of Finances, before retiring, advised MAXIMILIAN, and the Empire and Emperor were once more thrown at the feet of the clergy. The clerical seems to be the party that has the most money, and so long as a man or party has money enough to pay well, this is the man or the party that holds the Government.

Now that BAZAINE has found the best possible excuse for delaying the withdrawal of the French troops from Mexico, he considers that there is nothing better to be done than to see MAXIMILIAN out first; but MAX. is now in shrewd hands, and if he make the most of the opportunity, he will stay a little while longer.

The French troops will embark at the time appointed, but MAXIMILIAN may not leave quite so soon; for let it always be taken into consideration that, if the Church provide the money, there will be plenty of Mexicans to fight on the Church side. The trip of MAXIMILIAN to Orizaba was nothing else than a game to force BAZAINE to openly show his hands.

The departure of the luckless Emperor was announced by BAZAINE and his crowd. It was believed in France—it was believed here, not only by the people, but by our Government, that was officially befogged by dispatches to the Mexican Minister at Washington. The question may be asked, who furnished these supposed official dispatches from Vera Cruz? Every date, every name and every fact is a bungle. Now the Spanish Government is very anxious for MAXIMILIAN's departure; but he has never really made any preparations for leaving permanently. The Church party has promised him money, and, as I have said before, as long as there is money in the treasury a government is secure in Mexico. To talk of ORTEGA, JUAREZ, SANTA ANNA, or any body else, is out of the question as long as they have no more money than their adversaries. Formerly, the pillage of a rich mine, or a rich city, or even a rich hacienda, was sufficient to entice parties, numerous enough to overthrow any Government, but now the haciendas are deserted, the mines are mostly abandoned, and the cities are poor.

I read in almost every newspaper that MIRAMON has been forwarded by the French Emperor to Mexico. No such thing. MIRAMON had been exiled by MAXIMILIAN, when he separated himself from the church party, and now that the church party is again in power, MIRAMON has been recalled. The French Government had nothing to do with that. To one acquainted with Mexico, it is evident that the French troops could not have been recalled at the time promised, for they were scattered about the country, and they could not be gathered fast enough. But let the American people be patient, the French troops will go. Indeed they are at least as anxious to be off as we are to have them away.

I have frequently been asked since my return, who is the man really popular in Mexico—MAXIMILIAN, JUAREZ, ORTEGA or SANTA ANNA? I really cannot tell. JUAREZ, personally, is unanimously proclaimed a really honest, good Republican, but these are no qualifications for power in Mexico. I have hardly ever met with a partizan of ORTEGA. As to SANTA ANNA, every one tells you that he is a clever thief, but that when he is at the head of affairs, he allows nobody to steal but himself. And in Mexico, as a matter of choice they prefer to have to satisfy one family than thousands.

MAXIMILIAN will certainly not stay long in power. JUAREZ, if he reaches there, will not stay long in the City of Mexico, nor could ORTEGA, nor SANTA ANNA. This is a singular state of affairs, still it is the truth.

I am also often asked, are Americans more protected, more respected than other nationalities in Mexico? Certainly not. Money is just as good coming from an American pocket as from any other. Only the night before my departure from the City of Mexico, an American was stripped of everything in his possession, at the very gate of the city. Let me, however, not forget to mention that if there are brigands in Mexico, there are also many good people from whom every kindness may be expected. The plea of American is no passport to anything. The Mexican who is kind to an American would be so to one of any other nation.

The moral influence of American institutions, makes an empire impossible in Mexico, but it certainly cannot secure there a staple and good government. The day the people of the United States have fully made up their mind to establish order there, it must I am afraid, be done plainly, and by the strength of law supported by arms. I say law imposed by force, for above all, the Mexicans fear the advent of American influence in Mexico. They will unite on one point and that is hate of the foreigner, and they call every foreigner *Yankee*.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendars—This Day.

OYER AND TERMINER AND SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Mr. Justice Barnard.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
3071—Genet vs. Howland et al.	2591—Sluyter, Administrator, vs. Mott.
2229—Waring et al. vs. The Indemnity Fire Ins. Co.	2697—Travers vs. Lo getreet.
	1893—Stevens vs. Donaldson et al.

Part II.—Held by Mr. Justice Clerke—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
373—Bonton vs. Bonton.	2758—Fairchild vs. Graham
2722—De Ford vs. Dodd et al.	2762—Landsley et al. vs. Reynal.
2724—Wager vs. Sheban.	2764—Schmidt vs. Lyons et al.
1322—Dyer vs. Otis et al.	2766—Birdsall et al. vs. Behrens.
2736—King et al. vs. Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railroad Company.	2770—Munsell et al. vs. Harris, impleaded.
2738—Samson vs. Kusse.	2772—Benedict vs. Wolf.
2740—Copley vs. Hanft et al.	2774—Stevens vs. Crowell et al.
2742—Miller et al. vs. Dexter.	2776—Hopkins vs. Wright.
2750—McGraw et al. vs. Murphy.	2778—Briell vs. Poulson.
2756—Haggerty et al. vs. Gill et al.	2780—Page vs. Sardy.

Part III.—Held by Mr. Justice Mason.—Court opens at 10 A. M., at No. 73 Duane-street.

Nos.	Nos.
1989—Bryant vs. Hassell et al.	1571—Foster vs. Willard.
2069—Caughlin, Ad'r, vs. Second-av. Railroad Company.	563—Hartly vs. James.
	315—Arnold, Ex'r, vs. Dickson.
1379—Haggerty et al. vs. Burnstein, impleaded.	190—McCready et al. vs. Johnson.
	2460—Crow vs. Miller.
1380—Wilmerding et al. vs. Same.	1776—Carpenter vs. Gibson.
	2466—Ogden vs. Harwood.
1989—Bryant vs. Hassell et al.	1037—Carey vs. Schulze.
	2021—Danought vs. Scullen, Adm'r.
2316—Hall vs. Weeksler et al.	993—Benton vs. Myers.
2179—Same vs. Same.	861—Ballentine et al. vs. Henry.
2530—Ulman vs. Marks.	
2153—Bernhardt et al. vs. Wanman et al.	29½—Leland et al. vs. Leland.

SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Justice Balcom.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Demurrers.

Nos.	Nos.
5—Farmers' and Cit. Nat. Bank vs. Gerner.	15—Int. Ins. Co. vs. Board of Supervisors et al.

Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos.	Nos.
173—Marvin vs. Hoffman et al.	186—Schettler vs. Smith et al.
177—Hammersley vs. Byrne, impleaded, et al.	324—Hunt et al. vs. Sanger et al.
180—Taylor et al. vs. Ketchum et al.	100—Welles vs. Collins.
181—Calhoun vs. Ketchum et al.	1-1—Sommers, Receiver, vs. Adams et al.
182—Moore vs. Pine et al.	196—Palmer et al. vs. Roe et al.
187—Cohen vs. Jackson.	157—Trustees of New-York Protestant Episcopal Public School vs. Hogg et al.
193—Eisenberg vs. Pettingill et al.	
194—Little vs. Turnure et al.	
3.8—Hewitt et al. vs. Bennehoff Run Pet. Co.	185—Hart vs. Wood et al.
309—Same vs. Same.	228—Sherlock vs. Lamont et al.

CHAMBERS.

Held by Justice Ingraham—The Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
7—Kehoe vs. Newman.	29—De Ford vs. Wright.
10—Wild vs. Duncan.	41—In re Wall-st. Ins. Co.
23—Livingston vs. Van Ness.	46—Good vs. De Lavalette.

General call begins at No. 51.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Part I.—Held by Mr. Justice McCunn—Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
2567—McIntyre vs. Dayton.	2785—Seye et al. vs. Peyser.
2713—Gross vs. Whittier.	2787—Thompson vs. Knickerbocker.
2733—Rogers vs. Robbins, et al.	2795—Meyer et al. vs. N. Y. Telegraph Co.
2527—Mann vs. Goodrich.	2797—Waggoner vs. Welch.
2759—Casely vs. Cent. Am. Tran. Co.	2799—Trelly vs. Volkman.
2081—Rice et al. vs. Spear.	2803—Williams vs. Mayer.
2565—Mann vs. Killyer.	2805—Schlecht vs. Barber.
2783—Stewart vs. Schwartz.	

Part II.—Held by Mr. Justice Monell—Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
2584—Maretzek vs. Cauldwell et al.	2810—Ryan vs. Henry, Jr., et al.
1762—Same vs. Same.	1572—Snelling vs. Howard, Sur., &c.
1964—Goodridge et al. vs. The National Fire Insurance Company.	2844—McGahey, Admr., &c., vs. Hunter et al.
1028—Jones vs. Degan.	2842—Same vs. Same.
2506—Peck et al. vs. Negbaum.	2712—Borst vs. Mechbock et al.
1490—Baitz et al. vs. Gudemann.	2843—Patterson vs. Townsend.
2778—McFadden vs. Blake.	2378—Migel vs. Munday.
	2427—Gregory vs. Stokes.

MARINE COURT.

Held by Judge Hearne—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
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Continuation of the Burglar-Proof Safe Trial—More Experts Upon the Stand—The Testimony Concluded—Motion to Dismiss the Complaint Denied.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

Before Justice Barnard and a Jury.

Sanborn vs. Herring et al.—This case, the trial of which was commenced last week, was resumed yesterday morning. After a little further testimony on the part of the plaintiff, the latter rested.

Mr. Nash, for the defendants, then moved that the complaint be dismissed. He argued the motion at length and with much ability, urging several reasons why the plaintiff had not made out such a case as would warrant the Court in letting it go to the Jury. Ex-Judge Edmonds, for the plaintiff, replied. At the conclusion of his argument the presiding Justice said he must deny the motion. There was enough to go to the Jury. Testimony was then given for the defence.

John Farrel testified: I am a brother of James Farrel, of Chicago; am a member of the firm of Herring & Co.; I have been connected with Herring & Co., of this City, since 1860; before that I was in the safe business in Chicago; James Farrel was a clerk for us in Chicago; we never warranted the safes; James Farrel had no authority to warrant the safe in question to be "burglar-proof." The lock on the broken safe was here shown to the witness. It was in several pieces. He described the manner in which the safe must have been opened. That is by taking off the knob and driving the spindle through.

Witness continued—This is a Hall lock; we used Wymer's & Isham locks to suit our customers; Hall's lock has been in use twelve or thirteen years; the other locks are higher priced; plaintiff had an interview with me; had long conversations with him; he said he had lost $22,000, and offered to settle if we would give him $11.000—that is, half his loss; we never recommend a Hall's lock for a banker's safe; it was of the cheapest kind; any safe that is made can be opened, if sufficient time, skill, tools and opportunity are given; any lock may be forced.

Cross-examined—The spindle on which the blows were struck is wrought iron; my brother was cautioned against making any representations to the effect that money and papers could not be stolen therefrom; he was forbidden against being responsible for the loss of money or valuables if the safes were opened improperly; we always recommended the highest price; it was for our interest to do so; the Wymer lock was much more expensive; it was not our custom to say the Hall lock was as good as the Wymer lock; if my brother said the Hall lock was as good as the Wymer, he said what was not true, and I don't believe he said so; the Wymer lock is as good protection against picking and gunpowder as the Hall lock; for bankers' safes we use the combination lock; no banker's safe is secure without a combination lock; the Hall lock is used now on fire-proof safes; what would be a good protection against burglars to-day might not be five years hence; we try to keep ahead of the burglars, and we do; a shelf would have been a protection, but the inside of this chest is too narrow; there would not be sufficient room to put boxes.

Reëxamined—Fire-proof safes are an older institution in this country than "burglar-proof;" in 1862 this chest was properly called a "burglar-proof;" the skill of burglars has increased very much since the introduction of paper money to such an extent; as we see by the daily papers skilful burglars have very much increased in five years.

Re-cross-examined—The words "burglar-proof" are intended to be taken, not absolutely that it is not meant the safe can't under any circumstances be broken open; a safe may be so placed as to offer a temptation to burglars to try their skill.

Clarkson N. Potter, called for the plaintiff, testified that he had had one of Herring's safes opened in consequence of the key being lost; think the man who opened it was engaged at it about forty-five minutes; I think this was about five years ago; it was a fire-proof safe, with Hall's back on it; I complained to the Herrings that my safe had been picked; they said no it had not been picked but broken into; witness replied it is little difference to him which, inasmuch as it was done.

Silas C. Herring, one of the defendants, testified—I have been connected with the safe business since 1841; I am familiar with the Hall lock; I do not recollect the conversation testified to by Mr. Butler, which he says he had with me about the time of the cable celebration. [The broken lock shown to witness and recognized as a Hall lock.] Mr. James Farrel was a clerk of ours; we paid him a salary and paid the rent of office; he had no authority to warrant locks or safes; we have used Hall's lock fifteen or sixteen years; I attended the London Exhibition; there were some better locks there, but none better than Hall's when the price is considered; if there had been an iron shelf across it, it would have afforded some additional protection; we consider the Hall lock a good one for the price.

James Farrel—In March, 1862, I was clerk for Herring & Co., at their establishment in Chicago; they had an establishment there; other manufacturers had establishments in that city; I remember of Sanborn calling on me in March, 1862; he represented himself as an agent for an Express Company, and also for a reaper, and he wanted a safe to put in his warehouse; he did not say he was a banker; after looking at different safes, and inquiring the price, he went away; he came back again after an absence of two or three hours; I showed him some with Wymer's locks on; I told him I did not consider that the ones with Hall's locks on were as secure as those with the Wymer lock; the price of a chest with the Weymer lock was $425; of the Hall lock $350; he, plaintiff, said he did not wish to go over $300, and he did not wish to pay the difference in price between the locks; at the third interview plaintiff brought a gentleman with him; I did not warrant the safe to be burglar-proof; I have no authority to do so; he said he wished to put the safe in his warehouse, which was a little outside the town; I did not advise him to take this safe over the other; I don't remember his saying anything about his wife being kept at home in consequence of the money in his house; plaintiff came to see me about the price I would ask for some doors to a vault which he said he was building; I told him the price, and he went away; I saw the safe in question after it was broken open; there was no damage done to the door of it; when plaintiff chose the safe with the Hall lock, he said he thought that would answer his purpose; he did not wish to pay the difference between the price of the two locks; I called the attention of the plaintiff to the different manner in which the two locks were secured; the reason plaintiff did not get the doors of the vault from me was that he got them for a less price elsewhere.

Cross-examined—I am not now in the employ of the defendants; I am a member of the firm; became such in October, 1865; in connection with another man I conduct the business at Chicago now; defendants never found any fault with me; I did express the opinion that if an iron shelf had been put behind the lock it would have been better protected; I expressed some surprise that the lock had been driven in; I had never heard of one of Hall's locks being driven in before.

Charles K. Hawks—I have been engaged in the sale and manufacture of locks since about 1857; I have always sold the Yale lock; the value of a lock depends on the size and price; what we call a bank-lock is worth $300; in the Spring of 1862 I considered the Hall lock a very good one—about as good as made; its weak point was that it was not a combination lock; if a man lost the key, it might fall into the hands of a thief, who might find the safe to which the key belonged; a combination lock is better; the burglars have taught us a great deal; I don't think the Isham lock could be picked now, but the time was when it could be; no burglar ever attempts a bank until he knows the construction of the locks of bank safes, and also the habits of men connected with the banking business; the most important improvements in safes and locks have been made since the war broke out; I may say that within three years the burglars have taught us more than we ever knew before; successful burglars are good teachers to safe-makers, locksmiths, bankers, &c.

George W. Meyers, of Philadelphia, testified—I am a safe maker, and am familiar with the Hall lock; I have seen the fragments of the broken lock in question; it does not appear that the spindle was driven in; to produce the effect that was produced must have taken some very heavy blows; if straps had been on they would have added to the protection some; I don't know of any lock which can withstand the heavy blows of a sledge hammer; any lock can be driven if force enough is used; a short time since I was called upon to open one of Lillies' fire and burglar proof safes; it was a $250 safe; it took me seven minutes to open it; in 1861 and '62 I did not know of any lock in use the case of which was not composed of cast-iron; since that time a kind of bronze has been used for that purpose; when the chest in suit was opened I had never heard of one of Hall's locks being forced open in this manner.

Cross-examined—Nearly all the locks now put upon safes have been improved within a few years; I do not recollect of having seen the conical spindle until within four or five years; a strap put on the Hall lock would have been an additional security; wrought iron is preferable to any other for the purpose of fastenings to a lock; it is a foolish idea to suppose cast iron is better than wrought iron for such purposes.

This closed the testimony on the part of the defendants. The Court adjourned to 10 o'clock this morning, when the case will be summed up to the Jury.

For plaintiff, Ex-Judge Edmonds, Francis C. Barlow, Secretary of State, and Mr. Hyatt; for defendants, Messrs. Nash and Owen.

Alleged Attempt to Swindle the City Out of $120,000—An Injunction Against the Mayor and Common Council—The Money Paid for Rents of Public Offices and the Offices not Used.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 17.

Before Justice Barnard.

Christopher Pullman, a member of the Common Council of the City of New-York, vs. The Mayor and Common Council, M. T. Brennan, Comptroller, and Fernando Wood.—An injunction has just been granted by Justice BARNARD in the above entitled action. The complaint and affidavit of the plaintiff, Pullman, on which the injunction order was granted, sets forth that he (plaintiff) is a member of the Board of Councilmen. That the Common Council, by resolution in 1863, directed the Comptroller to lease from Fernando Wood certain rooms at Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau-street, for three years from May 1, 1863, for the use of the Corporation Counsel, the Corporation Attorney, and the Public Administrator; that the aggregate sum per annum was $8,200; of this $5,000 was to be paid for the rent of the offices of the Corporation Counsel, and $1,600 each per annum for the office of the Corporation Attorney and the Public Administrator.

The affidavit then sets forth: "That for a period of three years, or the whole term for which they were so leased, the Corporation Counsel refused to occupy or use the said rooms or any part thereof for official, or for any other purposes, and he did not during said term occupy said rooms, but hired other offices in the building No. 82 Nassau-street, where the Corporation Counsel now is, and where he has kept his offices since May 1, 1863; and that for these offices at No. 82 Nassau-street, the sum of $11,000, for said three years, has been paid as rental, out of the Public Treasury of the City of New-York. That the Common Council, well knowing all the matters above stated, and with intent to commit a fraud upon the people of said city, adopted a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to renew the leases now about expiring of premises for the use of the Law Department, Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau-street, for a period of ten years, at the following rates, viz.: For the offices of the Corporation Counsel, $8,000 per annum; for the office of the Corporation Attorney, $5,000 per annum, and for the office of the Public Administrator $5,000 per annum.

That this resolution was adopted by the Board of Aldermen Dec. 9, 1865, and by the Board of Councilmen Dec. 14, 1865, and was approved by the Mayor of the City on the 14th of December, 1865. That in and by said resolution the said Common Council designed and intended to bind the said Corporation to pay for the aforesaid rooms which the Corporation Counsel refused to occupy, and abandoned, and which now and for three years past have remained vacant, the sum of $8,000 per annum for ten years, or $80,000 for rooms which are not, and cannot be, and probably never will be applied to the use which said Common Council pretended to hire them for; and all this the Common Council well knew at the time of adopting the resolution.

The affidavit then sets forth that the Corporation Counsel rooms are not worth more than $2,500 per annum, and the rooms of the Corporation Attorney and Public Administrator, together, are not worth over $3,500, and hence that the Common Council, by their resolution, intended to expend in ten years the sum of $180,000 for the use of rooms which are not and cannot be worth more than $60,000. It is furthermore alleged that these rooms are unfit for public offices, for the reason that they are badly lighted. The affidavit concludes with an allegation of fraud and a useless squandering of the money belonging to the City. It bears date Dec. 13, 1866.

On the complaint and affidavit of the plaintiff the Court granted the following injunction against the Common Council, the Mayor of the City, Fernando Wood, and Comptroller Brennan:

It appearing to my satisfaction that a cause for injunction exists, on motion of Joseph F. Daly, Esq., counsel for plaintiff, I do hereby enjoin the defendants, (naming them,) from executing the lease, or renewal of lease, directed to be executed in and by a certain resolution of the said Common Council, which is set forth in the said complaint, and the affidavit made by the plaintiff in this action, and upon which this order is granted, from paying out any of the public moneys of the City of New-York, under said resolutions, for rent of the offices in Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau-street, and from consummating the bargain, or contract, or lease, or renewal of lease directed in said resolution, in any manner whatsoever.

GEORGE G. BARNARD, J. S. C.

Action Against a Stock Broker.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—DEC. 17.

Before Judge Monell and a Jury.

Wentworth S. Butler vs. Edward R. McIlvain.—This was an action to recover the value of one hundred shares of the Smith & Parmelee Gold Company, and 100 shares of the Benton Gold Company, valued at $1,200, alleged to have been deposited with the defendant, and by him sold and converted to his own use.

In defence, it was alleged that the stock was left with defendant for sale, and at the time of the sale plaintiff was indebted to defendant more than the amount of the stock to cover margins.

The Jury had not agreed upon a verdict at the adjournment of the Court.

Larned & Hazen for plaintiff; Sewell & Pierce for defendant.

The Maretzek Libel Suit.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—DEC. 17.

Before Judge Monell.

The suit of *Max Maretzek vs. Cauldwell & Whitney* for a libel on the opera printed in the *Sunday Mercury*, was called on in this Court, and a portion of the Jury impanneled, when the Court adjourned to 11 o'clock this morning.

Important to Stockbrokers and Others—Demurrer to a Complaint Overruled.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Cardozo.

Scott, Capron & Co. vs. H. Knickerbacker.—This is an action between brokers. The complaint was demurred to by the defendant. It alleges that the defendant borrowed from plaintiffs certain shares of Michigan Southern Railroad stock, to be replaced on call; that the plaintiffs did make such call on the 4th April last, and renewed it on the 5th. The defendant failed to respond, and thereupon the plaintiffs bought in the requisite number of shares and sought to charge the defendant with the difference between the price paid and the amount which he deposited with them at the borrowing of the stock:

In support of the demurrer defendant argued, first, that the notice or call was insufficient as to time; second, that the plaintiffs had no right to buy in the stock, as they alleged they had under the custom, but should have sued for the value of the stock. The Court overruled the demurrer, with judgment to plaintiffs unless the defendant should answer within twenty days.

For plaintiffs, Mr. Sterne Chittenden; for defendant, Mr. W. R. Martin,

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Judge Barnard.

CALENDAR FOR TO-DAY.

The People *vs.* Sarah Bell—Grand larceny.

The People *vs.* Timothy Donovan—Robbery in the first degree.

The People *vs.* Patrick Byrnes—Manslaughter.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 17.

By Chief-Justice Robertson.

Eugene Cumminsky *vs.* Daniel Salamon; motion granted. Ebenezer Cook *vs.* John M. Genin; motion granted. Frederick Estridge et al. *vs.* Robert Troost et al.; motion granted and receiver appointed. Samuel B. Potter *vs.* James B. Carreras et al.; complaint dismissed with costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Robertson C. J., and Garvin and Jones J. J.

This Court has adjourned to the 31st of this month, on which date the Court will render decisions in the causes argued before them.

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In steamship Monterey, from New-Orleans—E. Flote, Jule Lefrine, wife and 2 children, Dr. Brown, W. B. Smith, H. H. Miller, Geo. S. Grimes, Mary Hawkins, James Mitchell, John Gray, Robert Dickey.

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Steamship Flambeau, Everson, Savannah, with mdse. and passengers to Livingston, Fox & Co. Experienced heavy weather the entire passage.

Steamship Havana, Whitman, New-Orleans, with mdse. and passengers to C. K. Garrison. Left New-Orleans Dec. 9. Was off the Highlands on the 16th, at 4 P. M., but was obliged to keep off in consequence of the heavy easterly gale.

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By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—Arr. steamer Glaucus, from New-York; ship Polar Star, from New-Orleans; brigs Jacinto, Cienfuegos, and Emily Fisher, from Baltimore.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 16—Arr. steamer Liberty, from Baltimore; bark H. L. Routh, from Boston. Cld. steamers Fung Shuey, Gen. Sedgwick, for New-York, and Monticello, Boston; ships J. H. Ryerson and Merchant, for Havre.

17th—Arr. steamship George Cromwell, New-York.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15—Cld. steamers Tonawanda, for Philadelphia; San Jacinto, from New-York.

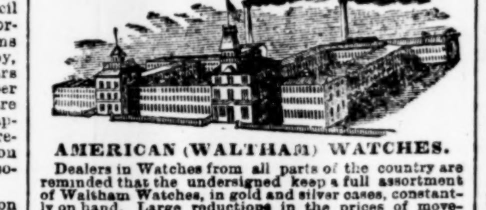
16th—Arr. steamer Gen. Barnes, New-York; schrs. Jas. A. Brown, Havana; Harriet Brewster, New-York; U. S. Revenue steamer Kewanee, Baltimore; brig Fredonia, New-York. Cld. brig Resolute, Nassau; bark Earl George, Queenstown.

Miscellaneous.

A lumber loaded brig dragged ashore on Hart Island last night, and has bilged.

The Br. ship Hibernia, from Liverpool, which anchored at the S. W. Spit on Sunday, (before reported,) came up to the City yesterday, and has 197 passengers, all well.

The ship from Hamburgh, reported yesterday as the Menavehan, should be the Neckar, Capt. Hayden.



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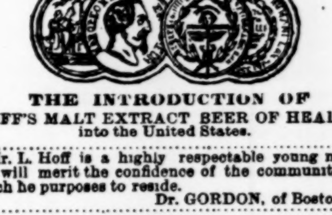

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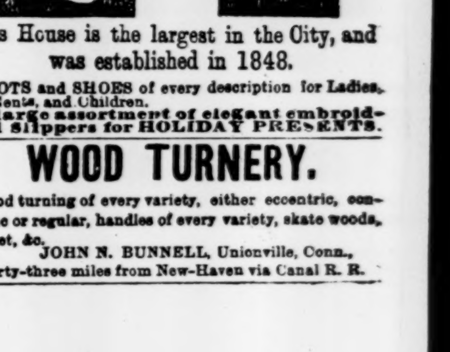

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